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Cambridge Middle School - Issue 3 - 19 May 2023

2023 Term 2

Tuesday 30 May - WIMS
Hockey

Thursday 01 June -
WIMS Visual Arts Day

Monday 05 June - King's
Birthday (school closed)

Tuesday 13 June - WIMS
Futsal

Tuesday 13 June -
Showquest

Thursday 15 June - WIMS
Chess Day

Friday 16 June - Teacher
Only Day (School closed
for students)

2023 Term Dates

Term One

31 January to 06 April

Term Two

26 April to 30 June

Term Three

17 July to 22 September

Term Four

9 October - 11 December



Principals Pen 2023 **Week 4, Term 2**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term 2 is in full swing with a wide range of learning, sports and cultural opportunities underway. **Curriculum** - We are coming to the end of our first concept - Innovation. This is an exciting concept where students will have the opportunity to look locally and globally at how things change over time with new innovations.

Sport - Congratulations to our **Water polo** team the 'Krakens' for winning their Waikato schools competition. They had a strong season going unbeaten and winning the final 10-2 against Southwell. Thank you to the dedicated coaches and parents who have supported this team. Also thank you to Mr Harrison and Mr Guy, as well as the parents who braved the terrible weather last week at the **WIMS Football** event. Our boys team won their semi final and will play Fairfield at another date as the final had to be postponed due to bad weather.

New guidelines and policy for physical restraint in schools - As per the changes in legislation we have developed a Physical Restraint Policy and Guidelines to support the policy. The objective of this policy is to help staff better understand distress and to minimise restraint. We have used the Ministry of Education resources of the Rules and Guidelines required to support the development of these. You can find our policy and guidelines on our school website. All of our staff will undertake mandatory training via an online module over the next month.

Farewell Mr Harrison: Next week we will farewell Mr Ian Harrison. Mr Harrison has taken up the opportunity to utilise his geography degree by accepting a position teaching social studies at Hamilton Boys High School. We would like to thank Mr Harrison for his contribution to CMS as a teacher, team leader and all of the additional support coaching a number of our sports teams. We wish him all the best with this new role.

Welcome to new staff: This week we welcomed **Amy Purchase** to CMS. Amy is now the teacher in Room 4 and has made a positive start getting to know the children and begin to build positive relationships. We have also welcomed two new Learning Assistants, **Sarah Charlton** and **Isabella Douglas**. They have already made a positive start working with some of our learners who require additional support.

Principal's Pen Continued...

HERO Values Cards - This term we have changed some of our processes and ways of acknowledging children through our HERO values. We have moved from 'chance' cards to 'Values' cards. These are specific to each HERO value and our student profile. We have had really positive feedback from students that it is nice to receive a card and to know what you are getting it for. So far we have had a specific focus on recognising students who are showing our Happiness and Excellence values. We have also introduced an additional system where teams earn tokens based on the number of values cards students receive. This has really lifted the level of conversation we have regarding our values and them being recognised in action.

24/7 - I would like to take the opportunity to thank 24/7 and our youth workers. You are an amazing group of people who add value every day to our school culture and the students that you work with. We are lucky to have you at CMS and appreciate all that you do.

Little Hearts and Relay for Life - last term our students and CMS whānau came together to raise money for two causes near and dear to us. The community spirit was exceptional and we were so happy to raise a final amount of \$2102.20 for Little Hearts, and \$9982.70 for Cancer Society Waikato/BOP. Thank you for the phenomenal support and aroha you showed in supporting these fundraisers.

Kia pai tō koutou rā,

Daryl Gibbs

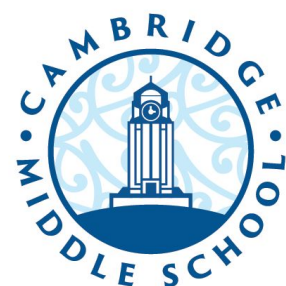
CMS Board

On behalf of the CMS School Board, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate so many students and their families and whānau in supporting and encouraging the importance of schooling given the context of the past three years and indeed the current situation in many schools.

There are so many difficulties and challenges that face us all in these times especially those subjects that bombard us through social media. At times we can easily fall into the trap of believing all that we view and read without questioning their validity or truth which in turn can create misunderstanding, gossip and damage to individuals and indeed the school at large. What is posted is usually from a personal perspective or opinion. The school is always open to clarify issues so as to seek the truth.

Thank you to those members of staff who have moved on for their own personal reasons and welcome to our new members of staff. We wish them well in their learning and teaching journey at CMS.

Bob White
Presiding Member (Chair)



International students - Home Hosting opportunity

CMS Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

We have a group of 22 students from China who will be attending CMS from the 29th of July to the 14th of August 2023. Our school will pay a hosting fee of \$325.00 per student per week and with this group, we are allowed to place two students in one home. The students are coming to experience our culture and practice their English - they are very excited to be spending time at our school and staying with a family from New Zealand.

If you are wanting to host please email angela@cms.school.nz. Please include in your email:

- your child's name
- room number and
- the number of students you are interested in hosting - 1 or 2 students.

Ngā mihi nui,

CMS International

Bike safety and awareness

Cambridge Police have had complaints about students cycling on the pavement through the main Victoria street shops. They have asked us to remind families that mountain bikes and other full size bikes (wheels bigger than 355mm wide) are not permitted on the footpath.

When cyclists are weaving in and out at speed, the risk of harm to pedestrians, especially our elderly, is significant. Please encourage your children to use the designated cycle lanes or travel via Bryce, Duke and Wilson streets. In addition, please ensure your child not only wears their cycle helmet but does it up.

Thank you,

Senior Leadership Team



School Uniform

We now have unisex long pants available as part of our school uniform. You can purchase through the Warehouse Cambridge. Stock will be available from Friday 19 May. If they do not have your size in stock, please go to the information desk and they will order in the size you are wanting. To order online please click [here](#)

Circus Quirkus

We have 20 tickets to go see Circus Quirkus. Tickets have been kindly donated by the Rotary Club, local people and businesses, so you and your family can have a bit of fun together!

The tickets we have are for **Wednesday 24 May 4pm** at the Clarence Street Theatre Hamilton.

If you are interested in attending the show please click [HERE](#) to fill out the Google form. **Maximum 4 tickets per family.**

You will need to be able to collect the tickets from the school office before 3pm Wednesday 24 May.

As there are only 20 tickets available, we cannot guarantee a ticket for everyone who requests one. We will be in touch if you are receiving a ticket.



Lunch Order Update, Term 2

In 3 weeks time Your Lunchbox will take a break for 6 weeks for maternity leave. The last delivery will be on Friday 02 June and orders will restart again in Term 3.



Subway Cambridge

We would just like to say a big thank you to Subway Cambridge for supplying CMS with Subway Vouchers for our Chance Card winners!



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with extensive Performing Arts experience.

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