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Cambridge Middle School - Issue 5 - September 2025

2025 Term 3

Thursday 11 September
Ngutu Kākā Innovation
Showcase for whānau in
block 4

Friday 12 September
Mangopare whānau sharing
afternoon

Monday 15 September
Finding Nemo Production -
Click [HERE](#) for more
information and to order
tickets

Tuesday 16 September
WIMS Ki o Rahi

Wednesday 17 September
Māui Innovation Showcase
for whānau in block 4

Thursday 18 September
Koiri Innovation Showcase
for whānau in block 4

Friday 19 September
Koru Innovation Market Day
12- 1pm

Friday 19 September
Last day of Term 3

Monday 06 October
First day of Term 4



Principal's Pen 2025 Week 8 Term 3

Week 8 newsletter

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks with so many events happening in and out of school. Last week, our kapa haka roopu proudly represented CMS and their whānau at the Cambridge Schools Combined Kapa Haka Festival. Thank you to Whaea Kahurangi and Te Kore for preparing the students and to Mrs Haddock and Miss Fuller for your organisation and support of this amazing group. On Friday, our music bands competed at Bandquest and experienced the thrill of playing their music in front of a large audience. Thanks Mr Lewis for your teaching and support of these students.

AIMS Games

At the time of writing this, CMS has 109 students competing in Tauranga at the AIMS Games, alongside 14,000 other 11-13 year olds!!! They have been working hard all year for this week and it has been a pleasure to watch them competing on the sports field, and the way they have interacted with each other off it to create lifelong memories. Our school's HERO values have definitely been on display. Thank you to all of the teachers, parents, coaches and managers who make this week possible, under the meticulous organisation of Mrs Hawkins. We will have a full update of results before the end of the term.

Open Day and Orientation Sessions for 2026 Year 7 students

These important transition events were held over the past two weeks to begin our transition process for incoming Year 7 students. Each year we offer a range of opportunities for new students and whānau to learn about what life at CMS looks like and it was great to have so many of our incoming 2026 students and their families attend these events.

Thank you to all our teachers and staff for supporting these sessions to run smoothly.

Principal's Pen Continued...

Production

Our Finding Nemo cast are well into their final preparations for delivering this show in the final week of term. This promises to be a fun show that they will be performing to our school and local primary and kindergarten children. We look forward to seeing all of your hard work shine on the stage.

Board Elections

We wish to warmly welcome Haydn Wright, Sam Fursdon, Nikki Cattle, Lindsay Plasmeyer and Jo Cumming to our School Board. It is great to have a strong group of parent representatives governing our school. I look forward to working with them over the next three years. A huge thank you to our outgoing Board members, who have done a fabulous job over the past three years – David Connors, Michael Franklin, Andrew Gurney and a special mention to Vanessa Markwell as the outgoing presiding member who has been a big support during her tenure. The Board leaves the school in a healthy position to continue to make positive strategic decisions that benefit our children.

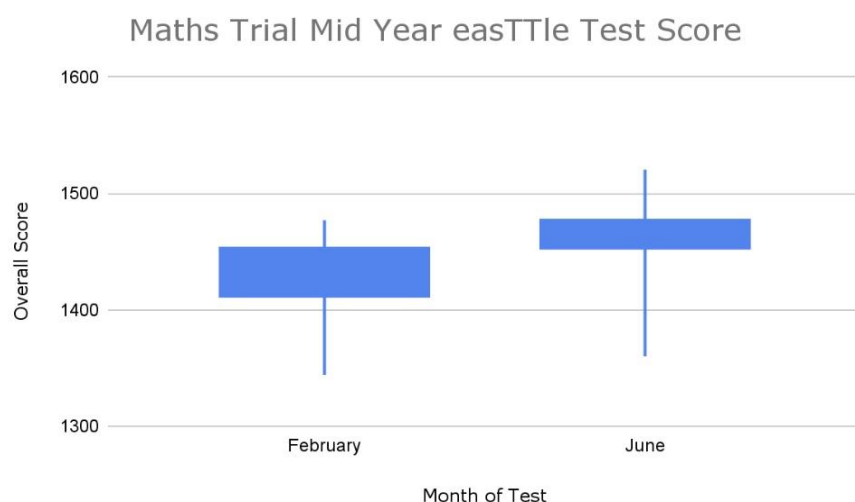
Attendance – We know that the bugs have been widespread and hard to shake this term. We are looking forward to everyone feeling more healthy in Term 4. A reminder that we do closely monitor attendance and that if your child's attendance falls below 80%, we will make contact with you to better understand and to offer any support if needed. 80% attendance over time means a child would miss over 1.5 terms of the 8 terms they are at CMS. Over time low attendance has a significant impact on a child's education.

Student Achievement Data

Maths Trial Data – [ONE News CMS Maths Trial Clip](#)

This year, we had the opportunity to participate in a trial Maths Target Programme. A total of 112 CMS students were offered the chance to take part in this trial, making us the largest trial group in the country. These students received four extra 30-minute lessons each week over a 12-week period. Due to the positive impact of this trial, the Minister of Education has decided to roll out this intervention across New Zealand next year.

2025 Maths Trial Intervention - Year 8 - Preliminary Data



- Student voice has been very positive about how much they have been learning and gaining from participating in the intervention programme.
- Teachers have observed confidence change in class for students who are participating regularly.
- Intervention teachers also noticed a change in attitude, engagement and retention throughout the intervention.
- The preliminary data shows that the intervention student have shown an improvement from their pre-test to their mid-test result.



**FUNDRAISING FOR
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TRIP TO ADELAIDE**

QUIZ NIGHT

- 🧠 Tease Your Brain with Trivia!
- 🎟️ Raffles & Auctions
- 🍴 Nibbles Provided
- 🍷 Drinks & Food Available for Purchase
- 👥 Tables of 8 – Bring your crew!

**Saturday,
20 Sep**

**Cambridge High
School
Time: 6:30pm**



**For tickets
Scan the QR code**

Email:

cambridgenzlacrosse@gmail.com



Community Notices

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

**Beginners yr 5 to 8 - Basic skills, games &
other activities**

**Advanced yr 9 and over - Skills, drills &
games**



WHEN: TUES 23 SEPT 9AM - 3PM

WHERE: CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL GYM

COST: \$40

Bring your lunch, water bottle and non marking
shoes

Bake sale available at lunchtime (\$2 items)

To register email: volleyball@camhigh.school.nz

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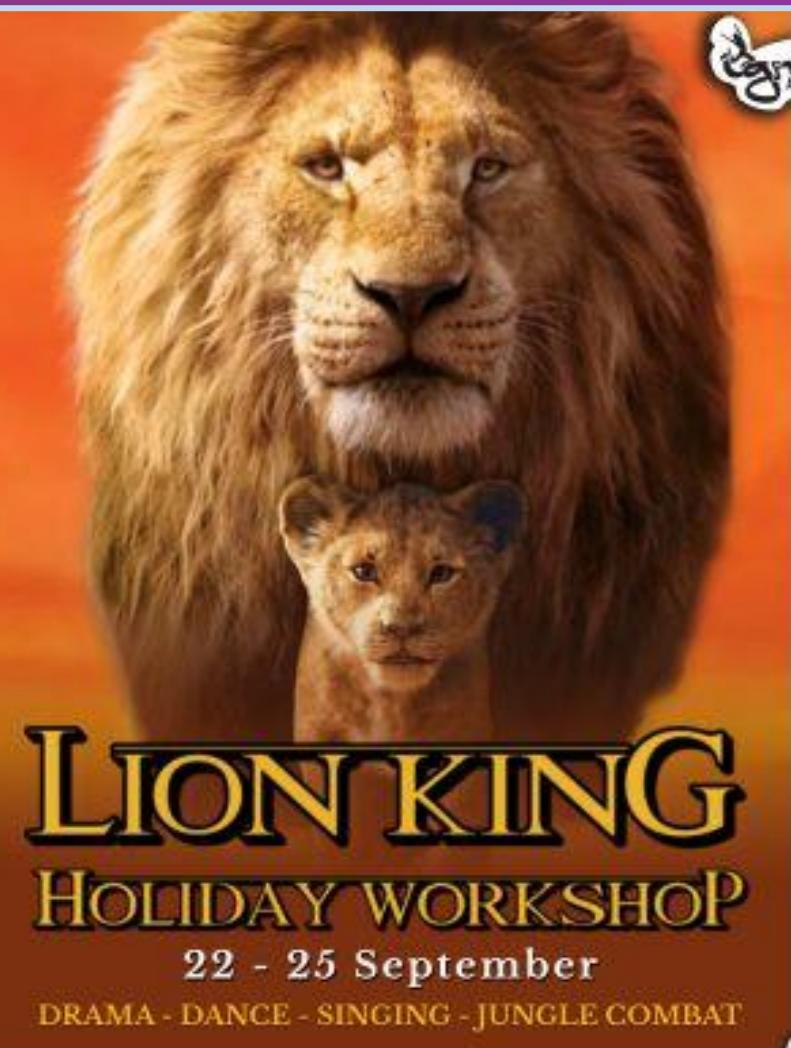
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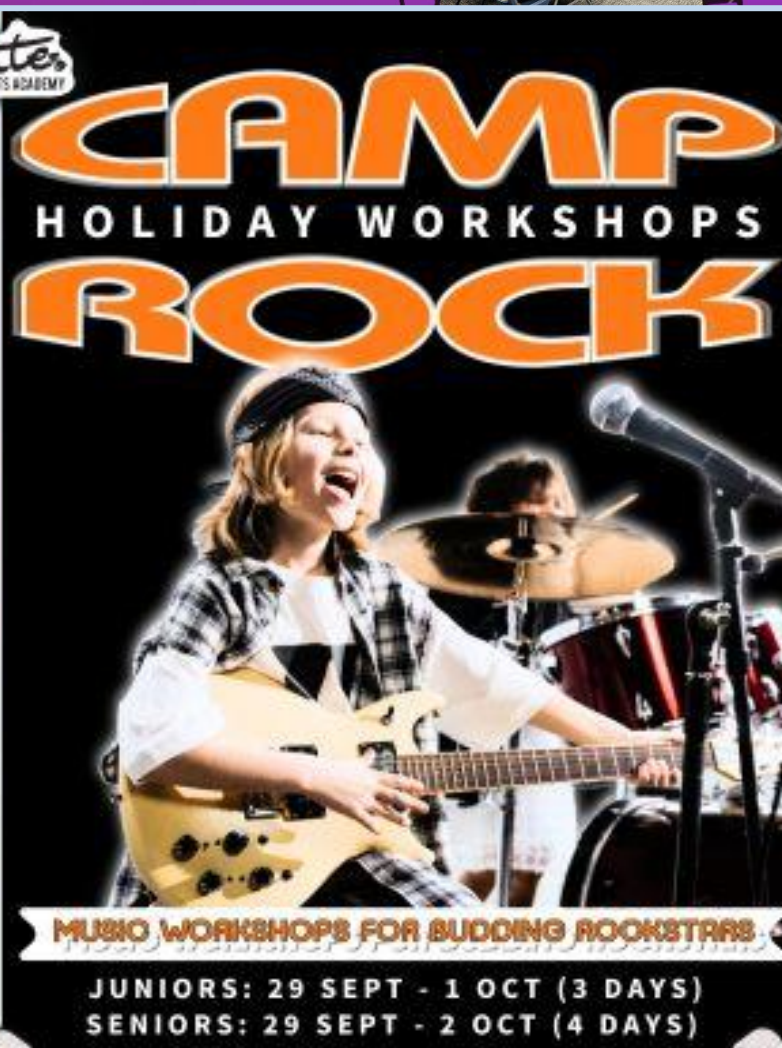
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
29 September - 3 October

SOUTHWELL SCHOOL



LION KING
HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
22 - 25 September
DRAMA - DANCE - SINGING - JUNGLE COMBAT



CAMP
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
ROCK
MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR BUDDING ROCKSTARS
JUNIORS: 29 SEPT - 1 OCT (3 DAYS)
SENIORS: 29 SEPT - 2 OCT (4 DAYS)

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