



CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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What's Coming Up...

Monday 04 September
NZ AIMS Week

Tuesday 05 September
Year 8 testing at CHS

**Monday 11 September -
22 September**
Makahari Exchange

Tuesday 12th September
- Rotary Speech Competition
- WIMS Ki o Rahi
- Big Nix Squash
Tournament

NEXT TERM - heads up!

17th November
Teacher Only Day TBC



Principals Pen 2023 **Week 7, Term 3**

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been another busy term with many school-wide events happening and a variety of group excursions. Today we held our school speech finals and we really enjoyed hearing these talented students speak.

Marae Noho: Last week 32 students and 4 teachers attended a Marae noho at Rukumoana Marae in Morrinsville. This was an amazing opportunity for the group to come together to learn about our local history. I would like to thank Kahurangi Heta and her whānau for their support and the time given so that we could provide this opportunity. The ākonga also used this opportunity to practise their performance bracket for the Cambridge School's Kapa Haka Festival which was held today at the Don Rowlands Centre at Lake Karāpiro. We are very proud of their amazing performance.

Totara Springs #2: It was an awesome week at Totara Springs with a group of amazing CMS students and parent helpers. The students competed in around 40 sporting codes over the week and came away with wins in Indoor and Outdoor Hockey. We placed second in the lucrative 'Cheer Competition' which was well deserved after many lunchtime practices leading up to the competition. A huge thank you to Mr Geurts for choreographing the routine! We came third in more sports such as kayaking and speed climbing. The students showed their HERO values and sportsmanship skills throughout the entire week. Thank you to Miss Pettit and Miss P who spent the week with the team and were very proud of all attendees.

Japanese Exchange: In Weeks 9 and 10 we have a group of eight students who will join 60 others from nine Intermediate and middle schools across the Waikato to experience the trip of a lifetime in Japan. They will experience 13 days living in another culture with a Japanese family. We wish them safe travels and can't wait to hear of their amazing experiences when they return.

Health consultation: Thank you to the families who have already completed the consultation form or have come into the school to view the proposed unit. It would be great to have as much feedback as possible to help guide the leadership team and School Board. You have until today to have your say. You can however come in and view the unit at any time before we begin teaching if you would like. Please click on the link to provide your feedback if you have not done so yet - [Health Consultation Form Link](#)

Principals Pen Continued...

John Parsons and Online Safety: John Parsons spent the day at CMS talking to our students, teachers and then running a parent information evening. Thank you to those of you who attended the very worthwhile parent evening. Over the coming weeks we will share resources from John Parsons via email and on our school Facebook page.

Road Safety Reminder/Riding on footpath - Victoria St: Last week, a cyclist was hit while crossing a pedestrian crossing on Duke Street after cycling down the footpath. We share the police's concern about cycling on footpaths and remind everyone that it is not allowed according to the road code. Parents/whānau can you please help by reminding your children of this important bike safety message.

To avoid the busy cycle lane on Victoria Street, cyclists can use Bryce Street, Duke Street, or Wilson Street to bypass town. They can also walk their bikes through town. Regardless of the route taken, we strongly advise cyclists to dismount when crossing a pedestrian crossing for safety reasons.

New Classes: We are excited to have our two new teaching spaces almost complete. These now create a modern learning hub of 5 classrooms on the Grey Street side of our school. We hope to be able to take over these spaces shortly and to have learners in there by next week. We are now in the planning phase to go to tender for the building of our new Specialist Classrooms on the other side of Clare Street from our main site. We hope building will commence by the end of the year and this will complement the refurbishment of our other specialist classrooms happening soon.

Curriculum Refresh: Our team has attended a range of courses and professional learning opportunities to ensure we are well placed to implement the required changes to the New Zealand Curriculum over the next 24 months. In particular we are ensuring that we have high quality and robust programs for the teaching of English and Mathematics, whilst balancing this with relevant and engaging contexts. We will continue to keep you informed of the changes we are making in line with Ministry requirements.

HERO Values: Toward the end of last week we held an assembly to remind students of our HERO values and what this looks like in action at school. Some key points were how we treat each other, the role of the bystander, telling an adult if there is a problem, and wearing the correct uniform. We would appreciate it if you would support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform. Also encourage them to talk to you if they have any problems. We are here to help, but can only do so if we are aware of any issues.

AIMS Games: Next week will see over 90 CMS students compete across 17 different sports at the annual AIMS Games in Tauranga. This is the largest sporting event in the Southern Hemisphere with over 11,00 students competing. Over 20 years this event has become the pinnacle of competition for Year 7 and 8 students. It is an amazing opportunity to compete against children from all over New Zealand - as well as schools from Fiji, Samoa and the Cook Islands this year. A huge thank you to all of the teachers and parents who are giving up their time to support our students this week - in particular to Anita Hawkins who is the glue with all of the organisation. **Good luck and have a fantastic time.**

Ngā mihi nui
Daryl Gibbs



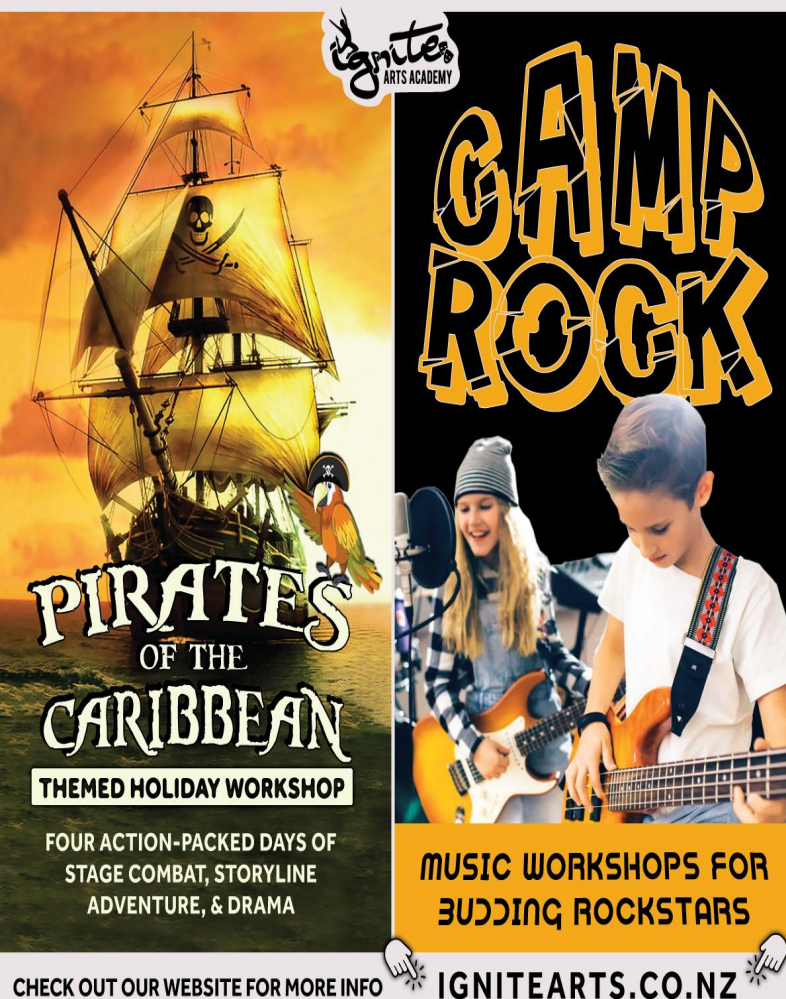
Focus on attendance

Over the coming newsletters we will be highlighting the importance of attendance. Post COVID we have had so many mixed messages and now we want to focus on all of our tamariki attending all of the time (with a few exceptions). This is so that they can get the most out of their school experience and be the best that they can be.

It's important to make sure your tamariki are showing up to school every day. Good attendance is the key to success and a brighter future. It's everyone's responsibility to encourage positive attendance.



SEPT- OCT HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN
THEMED HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

FOUR ACTION-PACKED DAYS OF
STAGE COMBAT, STORYLINE
ADVENTURE, & DRAMA

CAMP ROCK

MUSIC WORKSHOPS FOR
BUDDING ROCKSTARS

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Fun Dance Class for ages 8-14

FREE TRIAL CLASS
Wednesday 13th Sept 5.10pm-6pm
Cambridge Scout Group Hall - 1 MacLean Street

Learn how to move with confidence,
coordination and creativity - no exams!

Registrations are essential.
Email Whaea Rebekah to secure a place
for your child in the
trial class

ppamnz@gmail.com



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CALLING ALL JUNIOR ATHLETES

CAMBRIDGE ATHLETICS

**HAVE A GO NIGHT - FREE
WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER**

3-4 year olds - 5:30pm-6pm - Meet 80m track near the clubrooms.
5-6 year olds - 6pm-7pm - Meet 80m track near clubrooms.
7-11 year old Girls 6pm -7.30pm approx - Meet 100m Finish line
7-11 year olds Boys 6pm-7.30 approx onwards - Meet 400m finish line
12+ year olds 6pm-7.30pm approx onwards - Meet Long Jump run up

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN TERM 4 AND TERM 1

- Children 3-18 years learn and develop track and field skills
- Encourage 'fair play'
- Health and wellbeing
- And fun!



Cambridge Athletic and Harrier Club
Vogel Street Cambridge
www.cambridgeathleticandharrierclub.nz



VOLLEYBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

When : Tues 26 Sept & Wed 27 Sept
Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm each day
Where : Cambridge High School Gym
Cost : \$60 for 1 day or \$100 for 2 days



Skills, Drills, Games and other activities
for yr 5 to yr 8 students

Bring your lunch, water bottle and non marking shoes.
A bake stall will be running (\$2 items) at lunch time.

For info and registration please email :
volleyball@camhigh.school.nz