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Cambridge Middle School - Issue 6 - December 2025

2025 Term 4

Thursday 11 December

- Senior Dance
- This is the last day of school for Year 8, 9 and 10 students.
- For more information on the dance please refer to email sent on 11 November.

Friday 12 December

- Last day of school for Year 7 students
- School finishes at 1:10 pm.



Principal's Pen 2025 Week 9 Term 4

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the end of the 2025 school year. I would like to begin by sincerely thanking our entire school community for your ongoing support throughout the year. **Opportunity** is one of our core CMS values, and creating rich, varied opportunities for our learners is only possible with the partnership of whānau and our wider community. In 2025 we have once again been grateful for your support across so many areas — from EOTC trips, AIMS Games, Totara Springs Sports Camp, WIMS events, and cultural experiences such as Kapa Haka, through to Performing Arts and Music opportunities. These opportunities also do not happen without teachers who go above and beyond just teaching in the classroom, and I am grateful for the exceptional people we have at CMS.

This year we also farewell two significant staff members. We wish **Robyn Gibbeson** all the best in her retirement after **40 years** as our Food Technology teacher. This is a significant amount of service to one community and we thank you for all you have done during your time at CMS. **Bridget Watkins**, our Deputy Principal, is also leaving to take on the exciting new role of **Principal** at Te Awamutu Intermediate. Bridget's ability to think strategically and build a positive culture amongst staff and students will be an asset to her new community. Her kind and caring approach to all at CMS will be missed. All the best in your new role Bridget!

Next year we welcome back **Gareth Cogan**, as our new Food Technology teacher. Gareth was a classroom teacher at CMS but for the past four years has been a Food Technology specialist at Hillcrest High School. As emailed out to you all last week, we also welcome **Haydn Wright** to our team as the new Deputy Principal. Haydn brings a wealth of leadership experience and we are looking forward to him joining CMS.



Principal's Pen Continued...

I would like to thank our School Board for their support this year, especially Vanessa Markwell for her guidance as our previous Presiding Member. The new Board are quickly learning the ropes and are excited about the possibilities in 2026. Our school is in a sound financial position and we will be looking to upgrade more of our facilities next year.

Our Pō Whakanui – Māori Leader Awards Night, and our final Prizegiving were wonderful occasions to come together as a community and celebrate the achievements of our rangatahi at Cambridge Middle School. These events provided a special opportunity to acknowledge excellence across academic, cultural and sporting areas, as well as to honour those who consistently demonstrate our school values. It was inspiring to see the pride and confidence of our learners as they were recognised for their hard work, leadership and contribution to our kura. We are incredibly proud of all award recipients and of the collective accomplishments of CMS in 2025.

We are excited at what lies ahead in 2026 with the vast array of opportunities that await our students, the professional learning we will have in place for staff to ensure they continue to be able to offer the best learning environments for your children, and continued improvements to our classrooms and playground areas.

To our families who have their final child moving on to begin their next stage at secondary school, we thank you for your support of CMS during your time here and wish you and your children all the best for the next step in their education journey.

Ngā mihi nui for everything you have contributed to CMS in 2025. Meri Kirihimete and best wishes for a restful holiday break.

Daryl Gibbs
Principal



Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

School Notices

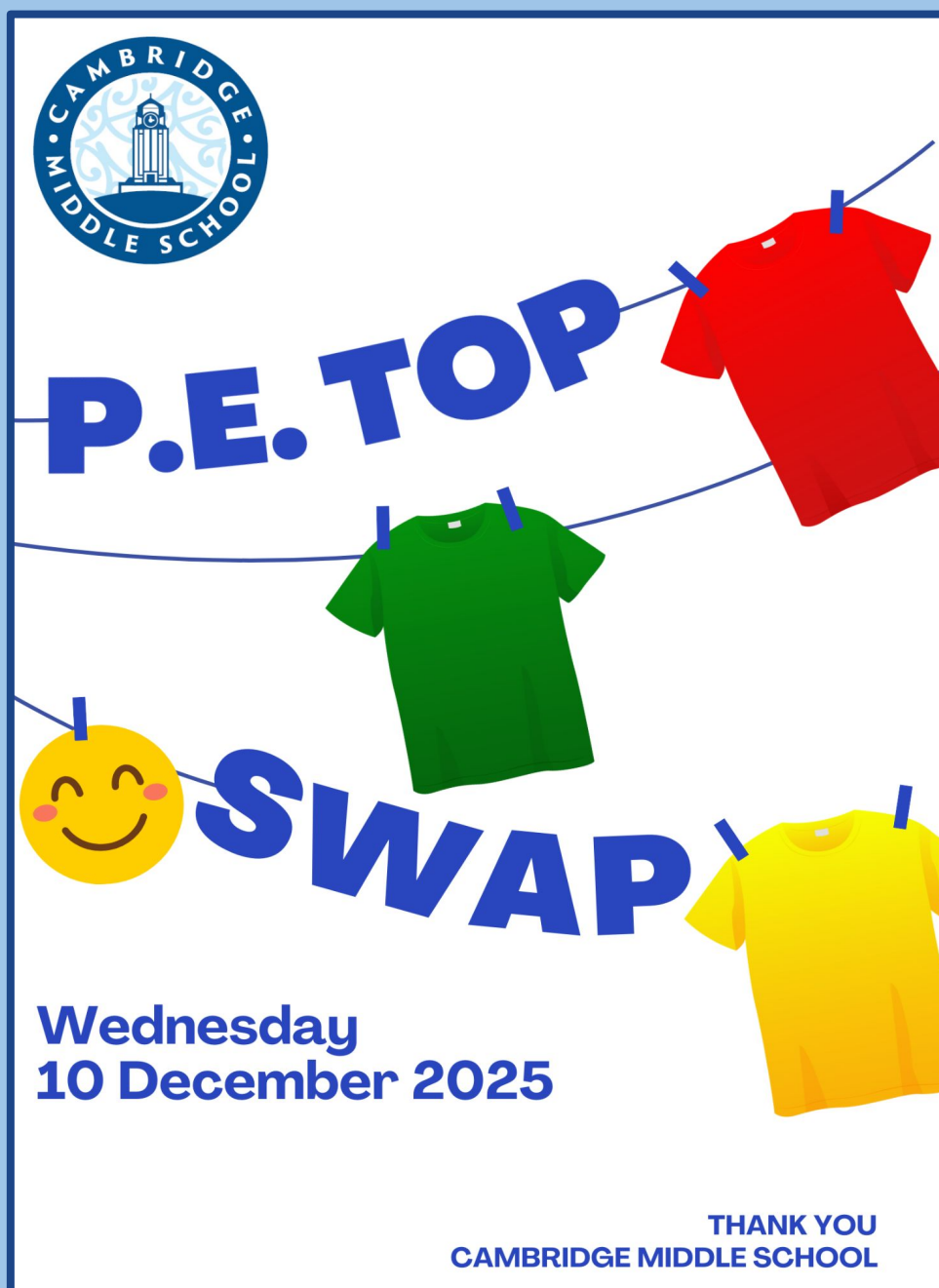
PE Top Swap

As you may already know, there are some rooms swapping into other teams for 2026. We would like to continue with a great idea that some students had in past years and that is to have a PE top swap.

We will run our **PE Top Swap on Wednesday 10 December**.

Students need to bring their **washed (good condition)** PE top to school for the swapping to take place. Year 8 students are encouraged to donate the PE top they will no longer be needing. We will do our best to make sure a swap is able to happen, but this may not happen in all cases and then we would retain the PE top as a donation.

Further details about the time and location of the PE top swap will be given to students via our student daily notices.



CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

SENIOR DANCE

UNDER THE SEA



Thursday 11 December

Arrival 5:30 - 6:00pm

(Note: Doors will close at 6:00pm)

Dance 6:00 - 8:00pm

Parents will need to collect their child from the hall

Supper will be provided

Tickets cost \$16 each

More information sent by email 11 November



Community Notices



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY & TUESDAY

22 & 23 December 2025

9AM-3PM

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19 - 22 JAN 2026**

