



## CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL – ISSUE 5 11 May 2017

### What's Happening

**17-18 May**

Band Camp

**22-24 May**

R1, 3, 13 EOTC

**22 May**

BOT 6pm

**23 May**

WIMS Football

**26 May**

Maori Drama Group to Tiki Taane

**29 May**

Y7 Boostrix Vaccinations

**5 June**

Queen's Birthday—School Closed

**6 June**

Y7 Boostrix Vaccination Catch-up

PTA Meeting 7.30pm

**7 June**

Makuhari meeting-6pm CMS

**9 June**

PTA School Disco 7-9pm

**12 May**

PTA Sausage Sizzle

**13 June**

WIMS Hockey

**16 June**

Teacher Only Day-School Closed

### Community Notices

17 November : St John's College and Sacred Heart Girls College Orientation Day. Contact those schools for further information.

Kids Find Public Voice : Gain confidence in public speaking skills. More information email [roz@Speak4Success.co.nz](mailto:roz@Speak4Success.co.nz)

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice



### The Principal's Pen



**Dear Parents/ Caregivers Kia Ora**

I'm excited to share with you an initiative that has been brokered

between NZAIMS (NZ Association of Intermediates and Middle Schooling, which I am still an executive member) and CMS. It's labelled Kotahitanga and Leadership Initiative and involves Marcus Akuhata-Brown. He will be joined by a number of Tuakana to assist during Monday's programme. The day will commence with a full school assembly from 9am – 9.40am. You are welcome to join us. It will then move into classroom based engagement and conclude in the afternoon with a select group of our Maori students with a specific focus on Kotahitanga and Leadership. Your school is the first in the country to trial this exciting initiative.

It's great to see so many students making the most of the weather by getting actively involved in lunchtime activities. Some of these are inter-class activities and others are just having fun and using the sports gear we make available.

Fire replacement build : It is starting to look promising and we are edging closer to signing up a contractor to start our rebuild. I'm trying to put a positive spin on this but it has taken so long to get to this point that I think we will all believe it when we see the first shovel on site. We are still two classrooms under entitlement and with the two we lost from the fire; that brings the current situation to four short. There appears to be little that we can do to change this as the Ministry continue to tell

us that we are on the list and that the list is a long one nationwide.

Staff : Just recently we had three staff members apply for permanent positions and I'm pleased to announce that they were successful and have now moved from being Fixed Term to Permanent. Congratulations to Miss Danielle Fuller, Mrs Leanne Haddock and Mrs Vicky Gleeson. There are more Permanent and Fixed Term positions that we are currently appointing and you will be notified about these once the process is completed.

Kids' Lit Quiz : **CONGRATULATIONS** to Ms Honey and CMS 1 team of Noa Rachmani, Aviv Rachmani, Ruby Tocker and Sophia Goodrich who came second last night and qualified for the National Finals which are held in Wellington on 28 May. Last night the team not only came second, but also won \$1,000 for doing so. It was an exciting night with a record number of schools participating and with the score board working intermittently, we were unsure of our placing until the results were read out! Congratulations also to our CMS 2 Team who came 9<sup>th</sup>. The winning team at Nationals will compete in the World Finals held in Canada in June. Wouldn't that be nice?

Many thanks to all of our students who consistently turn up every day ready to learn and with a smile on their faces. To the parents of these marvellous students I acknowledge and thank you also for the important part you are playing in your child's learning day.

**Ross Tyson  
Principal**

## Band Camp 17-18 May

Band Camp involves band instrument players, invited drummers and a choir from our school combining with students from Matamata Intermediate and Te Awamutu Intermediate. They will have intensive rehearsals, learning and fun over a two day workshop. A concert will be held at 7pm on 18 May at Te Awamutu Intermediate for the group to showcase their skills.

Everyone is welcome to attend the concert!



## Maori Drama Group

We have some amazing opportunities this year for Maori Performing Arts.

We have put together a Maori drama group which gets together once a week to rehearse a play which will be performed at the Arts festival at the end of the year. Parts of this play will be spoken in Maori.

As well as this we have a trip to see some Maori performers and the Kahurangi Dance Company are coming to perform at the school. If any parents would like to help with the Drama group-making costumes, helping with language and movement, please contact Tracey Andrews ([tracey@cms.school.nz](mailto:tracey@cms.school.nz)).

This group is open to anyone who would like to join please encourage your children to take up these wonderful opportunities!

## PTA News

The PTA has been busy planning fundraising activities for this year. These include: **School Disco** on 9 June and a fortnightly **Sausage Sizzle** - commencing every second Friday from 12 May. We are also selling **Entertainment Books** (digital or the hard copy book). Buy directly from the school office or order online <http://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz>.

Funds raised are going towards a school playground suitable for an intermediate age group, so please support these initiatives!

Next meeting is 6 June at 7.30pm; Disco 9 June 7-9.00pm; first Sausage Sizzle 12 May.

## SCIENCE ROADSHOW



The Science Roadshow came to our school for two days last week. There were many interactive displays for the students to try along with informative shows each day. Students from other Cambridge schools attended as well to benefit from this awesome event!



Hunter McKenzie, R8, competed in a national water skiing competition and came second in the trick event! He also competed in Australia and came 7th in his age group. Congratulations Hunter!

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