



Cambridge Middle School - Issue 7 - November 2024

2024 Term 4

**Monday 11 November
to Friday 15 November**
Pounamu Camp
Whakamaru

**Monday 18 November
to Friday 22 November**
Kowhai Camp
Whakamaru

Tuesday 26 November
Whānau Hui 5.30pm

Thursday 28 November
Drum Concert Evening

**Wednesday 4
December**
Final Prizegiving 6pm

Tuesday 10 December
Senior Dance, 5.30pm
arrival, Dance 6pm -
8pm.
Last Day for Year 8,9,10

**Wednesday 11
December**
Last Day for Year 7
School ends 12.40pm



Principal's Pen 2024 Week 4 Term 4

Kia ora koutou,

Blessing of new space:

Our brand new specialist space, which opened on the first day of the term, is already being well-utilised by Design Thinking classes and enrichment groups throughout the day.

The space is designed to be a flexible, innovative learning space where students can use the many features it offers in their learning. Over time you will see more features of this space being utilised and we are really looking forward to seeing the opportunities this offers CMS students.

Camps

The three teams who didn't attend a camp in Term One are heading off to Camp Whakamaru over the next three weeks. We wish them all the very best and know that they will show their HERO values as they represent CMS offsite at their camps. A big thank you to Charlott Bayliss for her organisation of the 2024 camps, this is a huge undertaking and benefits all our CMS learners.

Athletics Day

Our whole school Athletics Day took place on Friday 25 October at the Cambridge Athletics Grounds. This awesome day ran smoothly, leaving plenty of time for the 100m, 200m finals and also the relays.

Thanks to our wonderful parent helpers, Miriam from Cy-Co Coffee, Dean and George from the Cambridge Athletics Club, our very own 24/7 Youth Team, Kat from Cambridge Police, our fantastic and dedicated staff and all our students for competing. A special thanks to our retired Learning Assistant, Lorraine Shaw for her delicious home baking. A huge thanks must go to Anita Hawkins for her superb organisation and a very well run day.

Principal's Pen Continued...

800m and 1500m do not fit into the schedule on the day and are run at school on different days. This year two records were broken in 800m. Mila M broke the 2022 (2 minutes 56 seconds) 800m Year 7 Girls record in a time of 2 minutes 40 seconds. Colin J broke the 2022 (2 minutes 33 seconds) 800m Year 8 Boys record in a time of 2 minutes 28 seconds.

It was also fantastic to have our ACE students join in all the events. The highlight of the day was Colby's 10.2m throw in Year 8-10 Boys Discus.

Whānau Hui

On Tuesday 26 November at 5.30pm we will be holding a Whānau Hui. This evening will be opened with a performance from our Kapa Haka roopu. Childcare and transport are available if needed, and an email was sent home on Tuesday this week with more information. The focus of this hui is around sharing possible new team names and designs for whānau feedback, and to discuss how we have used the feedback gathered from our last hui.

Kapa Haka:

Our Kapa Haka roopu have worked extremely hard this year and have performed for a number of audiences with one of the highlights being at the WIMS Kapa Haka Festival. An extremely special moment was when the roopu performed the waiata and haka, He Kuini, in its entirety publicly for the first time. This was written by our very talented kaiawhina, Kahurangi Heta. The level of commitment and excellence displayed by the rangatahi in this group has been outstanding.

Curriculum update:

Mathematics - As you may be aware the Minister of Education has announced her *Make it Count* action plan to increase achievement in Mathematics. From the beginning of next year all schools will be required to teach the revised Mathematics curriculum using one of the Ministry approved resources to support their programme. At CMS we have chosen the Oxford Mathematics resource. We feel this resource provides the structure, depth of learning, mastery tasks and assessment capability to best support our delivery of the mathematics curriculum.

Literacy - This term staff have continued to receive professional learning on The Code to support spelling and decoding. We have also been working with Writer's Toolbox to plan out our structured approach to Literacy for 2025. Both of these resources have helped develop our teacher capability and provide consistency of delivery across the school.

At our Teacher Only Day on Friday 15 November our staff will be exploring the new Oxford Mathematics resources and planning our 2025 approach to Literacy with Writer's Toolbox and the Code. All of these resources will continue to strengthen our structured approaches to Literacy and Mathematics.

Opportunities

During the past four weeks of Term 4 there have been multiple opportunities for students to take part in a variety of activities - Bay Maths, school bands performing at Good Union, Junior Theatre Festival, cultural and sporting events. Well done to all of the students who have been selected and have committed their time to these events. A big thank you also to all of the teachers and parents who have attended or supported to ensure that this wide variety of opportunities are available for our students. Your dedication and time is appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui,
Daryl Gibbs

Community Notices

Cambridge Pathway Extension

After consultation with the community, Waipā District Council are extending the Cambridge pathway onto Clare Street and Grey Street north to help Cambridge Middle School students cycle, walk or scoot safely to school.

Camex Civil, on behalf of council, is starting work on the project on Monday. School parents and nearby residents should expect some delays while the work is in progress, and the council is working with Camex to minimise disruption during pick-up and drop-off times.

Please click [HERE](#) for more information about what the works include.

Tummy Bug in the School Community

In the past week, we have had a few students away with a tummy bug. In light of this we would like to remind families that if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, you should not send them back to school until they have not vomited or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours.

Also if your child is not feeling well in the morning then please keep them home. Thank you for your support with this.

Help prevent the spread of norovirus

Wash hands often Use soap and wash for 20 seconds. Dry thoroughly. 	Fresh air Open doors and windows if someone has been sick (vomited). 	Clean and disinfect Use household chlorine bleach and water on surfaces, doorknobs and phones. 
Until you've had no symptoms for 2 days ...		
Stay home Don't go to work, school, or day care. 	Don't cook for others Don't prepare food or cook for other people. 	Avoid contact with others Especially babies older adults and people with weak immune systems. 



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Community Notices

Focus on Attendance

- Being on time is also important. Being late means missed learning opportunities.
- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.



CAMBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

SENIOR DANCE

"A STARRY NIGHT"

Tuesday, 10 December

Arrival 5:30pm-6:00pm

Dance 6:00pm-8:00pm

Supper will be provided

Tickets cost \$15 each

More information will come soon