





## Cambridge Middle School - Issue 4 - June 2024

## 2024 Term 2

Friday 28 June - Matariki (school closed)

Monday 1 July - Friday 5 July - Totara Springs camp

## 2024 Term 3

**Monday 22 July -** First day back at school for Term 3

Friday 2 August - Parent, Teacher Conferences

Friday 9 August - CMS Open Day for Year 6's -9am - 10am, or 1.45pm -2.45pm

**Tuesday 13 August -**WIMS Croscountry





## Principal's Pen 2024 Week 9 Term 2

Kia ora CMS whānau,

It has been such a busy few weeks as we head towards the halfway mark of the year. Teams are well underway in their learning within our concept of Culture, as well as our mathematics

programme, and our writing programmes using Writer's Toolbox and The Code. We have seen high engagement from students, and our teachers are enjoying the professional learning and the opportunity to continue to grow and improve their teaching practice. There have also been numerous sporting and cultural events, our learning celebration evening and production preparation. We appreciate your support and know that many of these events are only able to happen or run smoothly because of the time and expertise many of our parents and caregivers give to our school.

### Our Kids Online

You should have received an email from us with links to the 'Our Kids Online' video and the 'Parenting in an Online World' resources from Rob Cope. We had over 100 people attend the evening, including all of our teaching staff. We will get Rob back next year as his message and resources are a must see for anyone navigating how to parent children in a digital world.

#### New technology build update

The new technology build is progressing well and is on track to be completed within the initial time frame. If you have driven past you will see that the roof is now fully on, the joinery is in and the cladding is being put on, and it gives a sense of how big the new space will be. Work that impacts our existing technology spaces will be done over the school holidays so that it doesn't impact students and teachers during term time.

#### Cross country

It was fantastic to see so many students participate in our competitive and team relay cross country events last week. Thank you to Mrs Hawkins and all our staff and parent helpers for another well run sporting event. Congratulations to everyone who took part

## **Principal's Pen Continued...**

and in particular our place getters, and those who will be selected to represent us at WIMS cross country next term.

#### Year 7 Girls:

*1st place -* Jessica H, 10:50 *2nd place -* Chelsea B, 11:05 *3rd place -* Monica C, 11:35

### Year 7 Boys

*1st place -* Quinn D, 9:50 *2nd place -* Scott S, 10:33 *3rd place -* Beau H, 10:37

#### **Senior Girls**

st place - Emily C, 9:45 2nd place - Nina D-C, 10:17 3rd place - Annabel M, 10:32

#### Senior Boys

1st place - Colin J, 9:20 2nd place - Arthur T, 9:44 3rd place - Isaac W, 9:46

#### Counsellors

I am excited to announce that our School Board has approved funding to allow us to employ our two student counsellors - Leigh and Melissa - to continue their work here at CMS. We are very fortunate to have them join our team, and not only are they completing their training as counsellors but they are also both fully registered teachers!

#### Staffing changes

At the end of the term we farewell Mrs Clare Brooke-Smith and Miss Tia Robinson who move onto their next journey in education. In Term 3 we welcome back Mrs Marnie van de Wall to Room 2 after she has been on maternity leave. We also wish Miss P all the very best for her upcoming wedding in Scotland next term and we look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Burr.

Our teachers are working very hard and putting lots of time and effort into writing **Mid Year Reports** which you will be emailed early next term. There are also Parent Teacher Conferences coming up which I encourage you to make the time to attend.

Matariki is a significant public holiday for Aotearoa. It is a time to acknowledge those who have passed, celebrate the present and to look to the future. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend where you are able to reflect, celebrate and look ahead. Have a great final week of Term 2 and I hope you manage to have a break over the school holidays with your families.

Ngā mihi nui,

Daryl Gibbs











# **Volunteer** Open Day

Come and visit us and learn about what's involved with being a Volunteer at Cambridge RDA.

Thursday July 4th | 9.30am to 11.30am 8C Alpha Street, Cambridge (Behind the Gaslight Theatre)

#### Horse experience is not necessary, training provided. Non-horse contact roles available.

Register your interest: <u>cambridge@rda.org.nz</u> text 021902892 or message us on <u>Facebook https://www.facebook.com/RdaCambridge</u>

## Join our Volunteer team #changemorelives





Beginner and advanced classes for all school years



## ALL IN ACADEMY



## Winter School Holiday BASKETBALL CAMP

July 11-<u>12, 9</u>am-3pm (Cambridge High School)

July 15-16/<u>19, 9</u>am-3pm (THE PEAK, ROTOTUNA)

# **Go five-for-five**

**Do the mahi, get the treats.** School helps you get to where you want to be.

Good attendance helps your child:

- Reach their full potential
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and good habits of being on time
- Feel like they're a valued part of our school community

