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May Wrap Up

Wow! What a month, it sure was a full one, full of connections, fun and excellence. As we enter June we welcome our Principal, Mr Wynn back. He had an amazing 8 weeks traveling with his family, you may just hear about it. Thank you to the community, staff and students for their kindness and support during my time relieving, I feel blessed to be a part of our school!



International Day of Families

We had a wonderful time celebrating the International Day of Families with our school community. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as our students and staff did, as it was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come together in celebration. I want to express my gratitude to all our staff for their dedication and effort in organising the activities, with special thanks to Mrs. Vella for her outstanding leadership. The student performances were exceptional, and I commend all our students for their hard work in delivering such amazing performances.

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Early arrivals

A reminder to families that our school gates open for supervision at 8:40 am. If your child arrives before this time, they are not supervised and should refrain from playing or running around. We appreciate your support in this matter.

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PSSA Knockout Competitions and Try Day

Basketball - Our Stage 3 boys and girls competed in the PSSA Knockout basketball competition this month. Their effort and enthusiasm were evident during two challenging games. Unfortunately, we did not win either match and will not advance to the next stage of the competition. Thank you to Mr. Kristof for his work in coaching and training our students in preparation for today's event. A special thanks to some former students, Jenna Mackie, Ryan Whitwell and Noah Adams who volunteered to referee the matches.



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Soccer - On Tuesday 6th, the Boys soccer team played against Regentville Public School in the NSWPSSA Knockout. It was a tough match with no reserves. Unfortunately, the boys were beaten on the day. I was extremely proud of the sportsmanship and effort displayed from all the boys during and after the match. It was also pleasing to hear from the coach of the Regentville team about the sportsmanship and effort of our team. The game ended with a great consolation goal from Ashton Jensen.



League-Tag Try Day - Unfortunately, the Try League Tag Day, originally due to take place on the 20th and then again on the 27th was postponed due to council ground closures. We are currently working with PSSA to find another suitable date for the event to take place.

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Zone Cross Country

Zone Cross County was a wet and cold event this year, but Mrs Vella and Mrs Day reported that our students tried their best and were very well behaved on the day. Congratulations to all of the participants on the day.

Online Guardian Parent Session




Our cyber safety parent session through Online Guardian was a very informative and eye opening session for all that attended. Below is the data that was collected by our students and presented to parents on the night.

There was a real focus on developing healthy habits around the use of technology and social media platforms and establishing clear family expectations regarding its use. If you missed the session, Online Guardian have a Parent Support Network with some great resources Their information can be accessed through this link

<https://onlineguardians.com.au/parent-support-network/> .

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2025	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
		
SMART PHONE	32%	68.5%
FACEBOOK	2.5%	10%
SNAPCHAT	12.8%	22%
INSTAGRAM	1.3%	12%
MESSENGER	18%	30.4%
KIDS MESSENGER	75.6%	78.3%
WHATSAPP	7.7%	14%
TIKTOK	27%	35%
YOUTUBE	86%	90%
ROBLOX	82%	78.3%
FORTNITE	42.3%	42.4%
DISCORD	2.6%	12%
BULLIED	32% 25 Students	23% 21 Students
REPORTED BULLYING	16 out of 25 Reported	16 out of 21 Reported
STRANGER MADE CONTACT	51.3%	50%
MOSTLY FEEL SAFE ONLINE	99%	98%



Public Education Foundation Awards

A HUGE congratulations to Lilly McLean and Kaleb Matthews, who were both recipients of Public Education Awards in 2024! In week 3, they attended a special ceremony and were recognised with the presentation of their awards. We are so proud that our students are being recognised through different platforms!

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National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day

Week 5 this term was National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day. Our classes spent the week engaging in a variety of learning and activities to support their understanding and significance of this week and Sorry Day. We are grateful for Mrs Antonelli and Ms Winters leadership in this area.

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Call to Action

There are many actions (things that you can do) during National Reconciliation Week to support reconciliation.

These could include:

- ❖ going to an event in your community to hear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people speak about important issues;
- ❖ speaking to your family about what you could do to support reconciliation;
- ❖ showing kindness towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- ❖ learning about culture from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at your school;
- ❖ standing up and calling out racism.

What will you do this National Reconciliation Week to support reconciliation?



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Mural in a Day

30 of our budding artists in Years 3-6 were selected to participate in a Mural in a Day activity this week. These students have been recognised as demonstrating high potential in visual arts and their final product can attest to that. They each created their own tote bags and participated in creating the fantastic mural - a reminder of the beauty and importance of kindness.

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Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Finals

On Wednesday the 28th of May, we held our school final for the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking competition. As judges, Mr Kristof and myself were blown away by the confidence and depth of research and refinement that went into our finalists speeches. A HUGE congratulations to all participants and a special shout out to Assil El-Ali, Olivia Wilkinson, Violet Gibbons and Lily Noonan who will continue to the next level of this competition.



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Penrith City Council Leader's Reception

I was very proud to share in our School Captains night of receiving their Leadership Award from the Mayor of Penrith, Cr Todd Carney. Congratulations to Paityn Cardozo and Leeson Doyle, we are so proud of you.

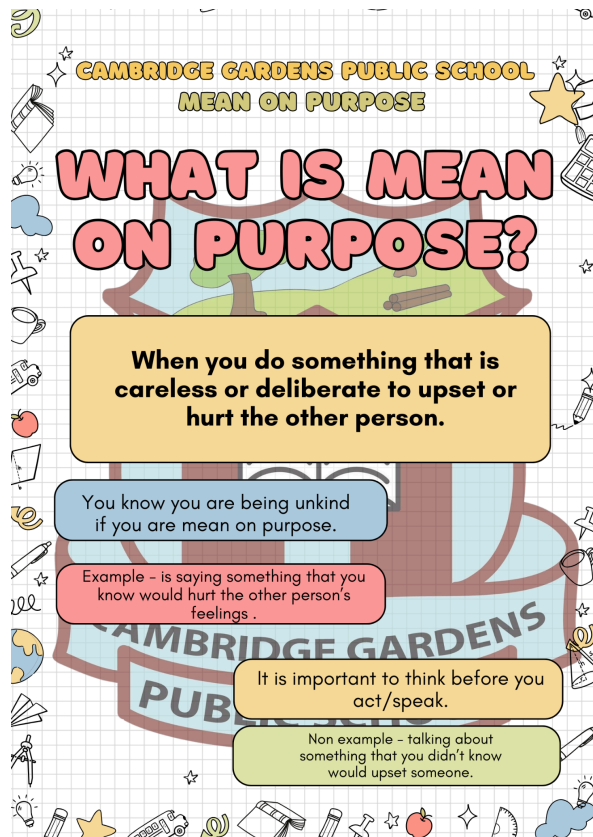


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Mean on Purpose

Over the last fortnight, you would have received communication around the phrase, Mean on Purpose. This is one of the universal terms we use in school to support behaviours and help our students understand the impact of their actions. We would love to have families include this language at home, to help reinforce the message and expectation of our school.



Warm Regards
Mrs Hetherington
Rel. Principal

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International Day of Families

What a wonderful day it was having our school community come together to celebrate The International Day of Families on May 15th! It was such a special occasion to see families spending quality time with one another, connecting and celebrating the importance of family in our lives.

The heartfelt performances from our students were definitely a standout. They truly captured the essence of family in their tributes. Then it was all about having fun together! It was fantastic to see our families battle it out on Kahoot quizzes, chess tournaments and board games and join in activities like Aboriginal painting and games. The excitement was truly evident when our students got hands-on with some real-life experiences - meeting some special police officers & sitting in their police car, trying their hand at fire brigade hoses and shooting for goals on top grass. The Sydney Thunder Cricket Ultimate Catch was another highlight, alongside some creative caricature family portraits! And of course the Greek loukoumades were the perfect way to wrap up the day - enjoying some delicious desserts with family.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for this memorable day. Your participation and energy made it such a success. We're already looking forward to next year's event, with even more fun, laughter and celebration of our amazing families!

Mrs Vella

8-12 Year Athletics Carnival

A friendly reminder that our 8-12 year Athletics Carnival is approaching quickly - Thursday June 12th, 2025. Permission and payment are required by the 30th of May and can be accessed via the Sentral Parent Portal. Any students who wish to be nominated for the high jump event at Zone will need to submit their best height from Little Athletics to Mrs Nelson, all other nominations will be entered as results from the day.

Can't wait to get down to the track at Harold Corr Oval and watch our students give it their all!

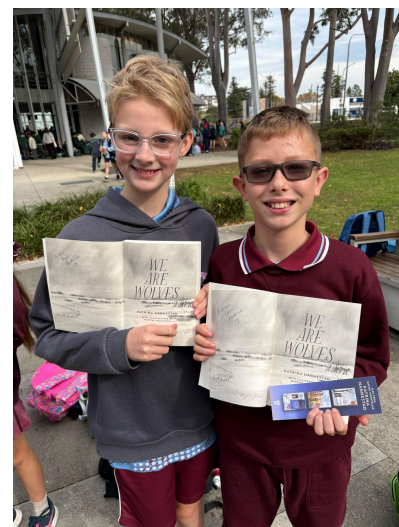
Mrs Nelson

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Sydney Writers Festival

On Monday 26th May, 15 students attended Sydney Writers Festival at the Joan Sutherland Centre in Penrith. The students got to listen to some fabulous presentations from five different authors, sharing their creative processes and giving lots of hints and strategies for how to become better writers and how to enjoy writing. The authors included Joel McKerrow, Terri Libenson, Katrina Nannestad, Jared Thomas and international best-selling author Jeff Kinney, writer of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series. A highlight of the day was when students had the opportunity to meet the authors and get their books signed.



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Maths Games and Maths Olympiad

The first round of the Maths Games and Maths Olympiad took place in week 2. This was the first of four rounds of both competitions. We have 30 students from Years 3-6 participating in the Maths Games this year and 11 students from Years 5-6 competing in the Maths Olympiad. In each round, the students complete five challenging, multi-step test questions in a 30-minute timeframe. A special mention to Mugilan Aravindin, Rhema Agianaku and Matilda Hudson who each scored a perfect 5/5 in the first round of the Maths Games, and a special mention also to Flynn Thomas who top-scored in the first round of the Maths Olympiad with 4 out of 5. The next round of both competitions will take place in early June.



Year 6 Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser Update

It is with great disappointment that we have to announce that this year's Year 6 Bunnings BBQ fundraiser has been cancelled. After an administration error from Bunnings resulting in our original date being double-booked, we were unfortunately unable to secure a suitable alternative date this year to hold the BBQ fundraiser. The Stage 3 Team are discussing an alternative fundraiser and will make an announcement once the details have all been confirmed and finalised.

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2025 School Disco!

Get ready to shine like a star! Our School Disco is happening on Wednesday 2nd July and the theme is CELEBRITIES! Come dressed as your favourite movie star, singer, sports legend, teacher or famous character and get ready to dance the night away!

Each disco will be supervised by our awesome teaching staff. Permission notes and payment are due by Friday 27th June.

It's going to be a fun night. We can't wait to see all our little superstars on the dance floor!



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National Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day

National Sorry Day – 26th May – and National Reconciliation Week, (27 May to 3 June) are two significant events on our Australian calendar each year.

On National Sorry Day, we pay our respects and acknowledge the Stolen Generations and the ongoing impact of historic government policies that caused profound harm to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people – including historical education policies, where students were systematically excluded. It's a time for reflection, recognition and compassion as we commit to healing and building a more genuine relationship with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week, '**Bridging Now to Next**', invites us to acknowledge past wrongs, to reconcile the past with the present, and walk together towards a more respectful and inclusive future.

Reconciliation is a shared responsibility and evident in the NSW Public Education Plan. The actions our school takes in our learning spaces and workplaces help create culturally safe, respectful and thriving environments for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learners, staff and communities.

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. At Cambridge Gardens Public School we embrace the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture by valuing and integrating knowledge about our cultural ancestors. This week every class has discussed and explored the meaning of Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week. We are all working towards thinking about the past and working towards a better future.

Hawkesbury Show Art

We'd like to extend a big congratulations to Class Workout for their beautiful group submission, *Autumn Apples*, which was proudly displayed at the recent Hawkesbury Show. Your creativity and attention to detail truly stood out. The piece was a vibrant celebration of the season and a wonderful reflection of your collective talent.

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We also want to recognise the 19 students who had their individual artworks selected for display. What an amazing achievement! Having your art featured at such a prestigious local event is something to be incredibly proud of.

While we didn't take home any placings this year, the real reward was seeing our students' artistic abilities showcased in front of the community. Your hard work, imagination, and dedication to the arts shine through in every piece.

A special shout-out also goes to our three wooden goats, who made quite the impression at the show! They had a wonderful time "mingling" with goats from other local schools and were admired by many visitors. They've now safely returned home and will be taking up permanent residency in our veggie patch. Keep an eye out for them next time you're in the garden!

Looking ahead, the Penrith Show is coming up in August! We encourage all our budding artists to keep creating, you may have the chance to be selected to represent our school with your artwork once again.

Well done to everyone involved.
We are so proud of you all!

Mrs Sam Ivimey
School Learning Support Officer

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Gallery



Above: Class Workout "Autumn Apples"



Above: Daisy Chol & Nivaa Maharjan

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Above: Connor Taggart & Selina Melan

Above: Laloua Sarader & Oscar Tancred



Above: Thamarrkshanna Nidhivanan, Hayden Wynne, Jakobi King & Annaliese Sutherland

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Above: Tahlia Yates, Chloe Giblin, Penelope Smith & Caleb Gavidia



Above: Zoey Mobberley



Above: Flynn Thomas & Isla Reece-Brown

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Above: Holly Zammit



Above: Harmony Aspinall-Parkes



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Above: by Miss Kinnish & Stage 1



Above: by Mrs Rau & Kindergarten

Above: by Year 6 - Camille Ding, Erika Dickie-Wiseman, Assil El-Ali, Thamarrkshanna Nidhivanan, Roxy Ivimey, Peyton Cardozo, Olivia Wilkinson, Kaellan Hope & Matilda Hudson



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