



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Week 2, Term 1, 2024

Message from the Principal

Kia ora ngaa whaanau o Cambridge East kura.

By way of introduction, my name is Paul Cooper, and I have the privilege of being Principal of Cambridge East School while Hamish Fenemor is on sabbatical leave until mid-July.

I want to thank you for your welcome at our Mihi Whakatau on the first day of school last week. It was a real pleasure to meet some of you and to welcome and present 'Welcome to Cambridge East School' certificates to 25 new students. During the assembly it was great to see existing students give new students a warm welcome with big smiles, hearty singing of waiata, and afterwards including them in the playground and learning activities.

In the two weeks that I have now been in the school, I have been most impressed by our young people, who are polite and respectful and have positive enthusiastic attitude towards their learning. Principal Hamish Fenemor has certainly built up a strong teaching and support staff team and it is a pleasure to be working with them.

I look forward to further interaction with you all over the next 5 ½ months as we work together supporting your children in their learning and celebrating their successes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 9 February

2pm Whole School Assembly – School Hall

Monday, 12 February to Wednesday, 14 February

Year 5/6 Camp – Camp Adair

Wednesday, 21 February

6pm Board Meeting – Staffroom

Monday, 25 March to Wednesday, 27 March

Year ¾ Camp – Camp Totara Springs

Friday, 29 March to Tuesday, 2 April

Easter – School Closed

Meet the Teacher Evening

It was great to see so many of you at last night's Meet the Teacher event. It is always a good opportunity to hear about how your child's classroom runs, their teacher's expectations and ask any questions you may have had. We also hope your child/ren enjoyed the opportunity to have a swim and enjoy games on the field while you checked out their classrooms. Thank you to those who came along.

2024 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date
Term 1	Wednesday, 31 January 2024	Friday, 12 April 2024
Term 2	Monday, 29 April	Friday, 5 July
Term 3	Monday, 22 July	Friday, 27 September
Term 4	Monday, 14 October	Wednesday, 18 December

Parking and Crossing, Pick Ups and Drop Offs

Now is a good time to remind our parents/caregivers to please refrain from parking on the yellow lines, or within the white markers, surrounding our school. The yellow lines and white markers ensure that our Road Patrol team can see down the road to do their job safely. We have plenty of parking in our nearby streets along with crossing points to help people to get into the school. Please use the appropriate crossing and set an example for your child/ren as they will try and cross in the same places when you aren't with them. Thank you for your support and understanding in keeping our learners safe.

We continue to encourage our senior students to ride or scooter to school. We have a locked area for bikes and scooters (at the back of the school office area) but want to remind parents and caregivers that helmets are required by law, to ride to school.

Sun Safety at Cambridge East School

A reminder that we take sun safety seriously at Cambridge East School, and school hats are required for all learners during terms 1 and 4 of the school year (hats available to purchase through our school office for \$20). We strongly encourage all learners to come to school with sunblock on during summer, and we also supply sunblock in each of our classrooms. Rash shirts are also encouraged during classroom swimming sessions. Please ensure all items are clearly named so they can be returned to their owner if found.

Lost Property

We cannot stress enough the importance of clearly naming your child's clothing and shoes, otherwise we are unable to get these back to the right person. All lost property is kept within the lost property shed (with the green doors near reception) please regularly check the shed for any missing items. Please note that due to the volume of lost property left at school, we donate any unnamed and unclaimed items to charity at the end of each term.

Journey Kids Before and After School Care

Please note that our classrooms do not open until 8.30am each morning. If your child needs to arrive at school earlier than 8.30am, please book them into our onsite Before School Care Programme - Journey Kids. The same applies to afternoons, if your child needs to be at school beyond 3.15pm each day, we ask that you utilise the onsite After School Care programme. More information and how to book can be found at www.journeykids.co.nz. Journey Kids also offer School Holiday Programmes during the Term break.

School Lunches

We understand that on occasion some families have limited time in the mornings to organise a packed lunch for their child, or they may simply want to treat their child to a bought lunch. We are pleased to advise that Your Lunchbox delivers nutritious, healthy lunches to our school on a daily basis. For more information and to order take a look at their website: www.yourlunchbox.co.nz.

Absentees

Please use the following methods to advise the school of your child's absence:

- www.cambridgeeast.school.nz - click on the absentee tab in the left hand menu and fill in the online form
- Call 07 827 7651 and leave a message on our absentee answerphone

It is important the office (not just the teacher) is informed of your child's absence through these methods so we can update our system and avoid sending you a text message when it's not necessary.

Please also note, that any late children (arriving after 8.55am), need to come through the office and sign in, so again, we can update our system and avoid sending you an unnecessary text message.

Birthdays at School

Teachers love acknowledging your child's birthday at school when it falls on a school day. We do however ask that parents/caregivers refrain from bringing in baking and lollies etc for the class. This is due to some of our learners having specific dietary requirements and/or allergies that prevent them fully partaking in the birthday celebrations, which can result in feelings of being left out. We appreciate your support and understanding on this matter.

I wish our learners all the very best for the first term of 2024 and look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming months.

Kind regards

Ngaa mihi

Paul Cooper

Principal



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

TIMATANGA

Room 10

Jack Lemin - Jack, what a fantastic start to the year you have had. You have already shown that you are a great role model to your peers, always listening carefully and making the best choice. We are so lucky to have you in Room 10.

Reagan Doolan - You have made such a positive start to your learning journey and are already displaying many spokes of our Character Wheel. You have a positive and willing attitude and will give everything a go. Reagan, I am super proud of you.

Room 11

Alexandra Edmunds - You have taken starting school in your stride Alex! You approach everything that you do with a positive attitude, and you are a caring friend. We are so lucky to have you in Room 11.

Spencer Ryan - Spencer, I am so proud of you! You have settled in to Room 11 with confidence and you are trying hard to make the best choice. Keep up the great work!

Room 12

Freddy Grala - What an awesome start to the year you have had, Freddy! Your enthusiasm for learning is contagious. Keep it up!

Arthur Halasz - Arthur, it has been wonderful watching you so engaged in everything we have been doing in class. You have hit the ground running - well done!

Room 13

Ari Osborne - Ari, you have had a wonderful start to the year, making sure that you are following our classroom expectations and the Three Golden Rules. Keep it up!

Bethany Budd - Bethany, you have settled into our classroom quickly and are a role model in Room 13. Your kindness and willingness to help others is lovely to see. Ka pai!

Room 14

Jasmine Warburton - Jasmine, you have settled so well into the routines and expectations of Room 14. I can already see that you are a kind and considerate member of our class. Keep being amazing!

Oscar Cracknell - Oscar, you quietly and diligently follow our class expectations. You have already shown that you can be a great role model in Room 14. Ka pai, Oscar.

KORU

Koru 1

Allyson Bayly - Allyson, you have had an amazing start to the year in Koru 1. You have shown compassion and consideration to our new learner as well as showing resilience

when faced with new challenges. Ka rawe, Allyson!

Frances Budd - What an amazing start to the year you have had, Frances. You are always ready to learn and are eager to contribute to class discussions. I am looking forward to seeing what you achieve this year. He whetu koe!

Koru 2

Max Stubbs - Wow, Max, what a great start you have had to Year 4. You are stepping into the role of a big buddy in our class and helping people learn new routines and get settled. We are so lucky to have you looking out for others! Ka pai, Max.

Shrithi Prasad - You have made a fantastic start to Year 4, Shrithi. You are always ready to contribute ideas and settle quickly to your work. Keep it up!

Koru 3

Samar Randhawa - What an amazing start to the year you are having, Samar. You are stepping into your role as a Year 5 with confidence, learning new routines and settling in well. We are lucky to have your smiling face in Koru Toru. Ka pai!

Finlay Dougal - Finlay, I have been impressed by the way you are diving headfirst into your learning this year. You seek out challenges and are always striving to achieve your best. Keep up the hard mahi, Finlay!

Koru 4

Caitlin Dixon - What a great start to the year you have had. You have been focusing on your learning and have shown perseverance when you have been challenged. Keep it up!

Malakai Wilkinson - Malakai, you have made a fantastic start to Cambridge East. You follow the Three Golden Rules and take ownership of your learning. Well done, Malakai.

AUAHA

Auaha M

Max Pocock - We have been impressed by the way you are fully involved in all learning discussions, Max. You listen carefully and you share thoughtful ideas. Tino pai - keep this up!

Isaac Dimond - We are enjoying getting to know you, Isaac. You have settled well into Auaha M and are already contributing to discussions and showing us your Sense of Duty. Ka pai!

Amelia Seath-Boyte - Amelia, we are lucky to have you this year. You try your best with everything and then seek extra challenges like practising a Big Book to read to the juniors. Kia ora!

Mary-Jane Rameka - What a great start in Auaha M for you Mary-Jane. You are showing us that you are a responsible, focused learner and that you like extending yourself. We all enjoyed your Big Book reading!

Auaha S

Charlie Butterfield - What a positive start you have made to Year 6, Charlie! We can see your leadership and role model skills shining through - and so do your classmates. Ka pai to mahi, Charlie!

Brooklyn Buckley - The way you have started this year shows a growth in your resilience. We love seeing you enjoying classroom activities and taking opportunities to lead your learning group. Ka rawe, Brooklyn.

Wes McBride - Moving into an Auaha space for the first time can be daunting - but you have taken it in your stride, Wes! We are impressed by your independence and drive to complete your learning to a high standard. Keep this up!

Martha Cornege - We are so pleased to have such a courageous and knowledgeable learner join us this year, Martha. You have already made an impact with your willingness to share with the whole class and we look forward to seeing your other skills shine too! Tino pai!

TE PUNA

Te Puna 19

Cruz Osbourne - You are showing character in everything that you do, and I appreciate the way you listen and contribute to all our class discussions. What a way to start the year, Cruz.

Millar Hopkins - You have had such a good start to the year, Millar. You are showing kindness to your new classmates, working with new people and you are focused on your learning. Keep it up, Millar!

Te Puna 22

Kruden Cossey - Kruden, you have made such a great start to the year. You complete all tasks to a high standard and show your Sense of Duty. Ka pai, Kruden!

Baker Rippey - Baker, you have already demonstrated your hidden talents. It has been awesome to see your artistic skills shine, alongside your caring nature. Tino pai, Baker.

Learner of the Week Certificates will be presented at tomorrow's 2pm assembly – all Parents/Caregivers welcome!!

Cambridge East School - Term 1 Overview 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Week 1	29th January Auckland Anniversary - School Closed	30th January School Closed	31st January First Day Term 1 9.10am - Mihi Whakatau (Welcome Assembly)	1st February	2nd February	3/4
Week 2	5th February	6th February Waitangi Day - School Closed	7th February 5.30pm Meet the Teacher Evening	8th February Newsletter Home	9th February 2pm Assembly	10/11
Week 3	12th February Year 5/6 CAMP	13th February Year 5/6 CAMP	14th February Year 5/6 CAMP	15th February	16th February	17/18
Week 4	19th February	20th February	21st February 6pm Board Meeting	22nd February Newsletter Home	23rd February 2pm Assembly	24/25
Week 5	26th February 7pm Prospective New Entrants Parent Info Evening Rm 11	27th February	28th February	29th February 9.30am Prospective New Entrants Parent Info Evening Rm 11	1st March	2/3
Week 6	4th March PTA AGM	5th March	6th March	7th March Newsletter Home	8th March 2pm Assembly	9/10
Week 7	11th March	12th March	13th March	14th March	15th March	16/17
Week 8	18th March	19th March	20th March 6pm Board Meeting	21st March Newsletter Home	22nd March 2pm Assembly	23/24
Week 9	25th March Year 3/4 CAMP	26th March Year 3/4 CAMP	27th March Year 3/4 CAMP	28th March	29th March GOOD FRIDAY - School Closed	30/31
Week 10	1st April EASTER MONDAY - School Closed	2nd April EASTER TUESDAY - School Closed	3rd April	4th April Newsletter Home	5th April 2pm Assembly	6/7
Week 11	8th April	9th April	10th April	11th April	12th April Last Day Term 1	13/14