



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – Week 6, Term 1, 2024

Message from the Principal

Kia ora ngaa whaanau o Cambridge East kura

I continue to be impressed by our young people who, on a daily basis, live out the school competencies (6Cs). They are: Communication, Critical Thinking, Citizenship, Collaboration, Creativity and Character. Their good manners, focus and enthusiasm for learning are great to see.

Our Inquiry focus for this term is “Technology Change Over Time”. This is a fascinating focus for learning and as parents you have witnessed a revolution of technology change already in your own lifetime. I encourage you to have conversations with your children. You might start your conversation: “I remember when I was your age, I ...” or “What do you think was different when I was your age?”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 8 March

2pm School Assembly – School Hall

Tuesday, 12 March – Goal Setting Conferences, school finishes 2pm

Thursday, 14 March

Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Sports – CHS Pool

Thursday, 21 March – Paid Union Meeting, school finishes 12:45pm

Monday, 25 March to

Wednesday, 27 March

Year 3/4 Camp – Camp Totara Springs

Character Education - Honesty

Character Education is an approach, not a programme. Its purpose is to work with homes and the community to build character. The approach aims to create a school culture in which young people experience and see the spokes of the wheel modelled. These spokes are communicated through relationships. The approach balances knowledge - the head, attitudes - the heart, and behaviour - the hand. Ultimately character is when the Head, the Heart and the Hand are in balance. We talk about ‘Character is who you are when no-one is looking’.



Why the Wheel?

The rim of the wheel represents character. The spokes - all of equal length and spacing - represent the cornerstone values. They give the wheel form, shape and strength. The hub (Duty) which holds the spokes in place is in the centre. Without Duty, the wheel would collapse.

Our character focus for Term 1 is Honesty. This is defined as a willingness not to steal, cheat, lie, or to be unfair. Think about ways you could reinforce the spoke of Honesty into your home setting.

Student Leaders

This last week we have been impressed with the calibre of our Year 6 students who have applied and been interviewed for the role of Student Leaders.

While not all who were interviewed can be selected for a Student Leader role, all applicants will have the opportunity to display their talents and growing leadership capabilities through the year.

Congratulations to our 2024 Senior Student Leaders.

Senior Student Leader names will be announced at assembly this week and badges presented. Any students away will receive their badges at the week 8 assembly.

Learning Conferences – School Finishes at 2pm on Tuesday, 12 March

Learning Conferences are designed for learners, teachers and whaanau to be on the same page about learning, next learning steps and how to get there (strategies for at school and at home). The opportunity sets up a positive working relationship between school, child, and home. We are looking forward to meeting you all at our Learning Goal Conferences coming up next week. The late night for Learning Conferences is on Tuesday, 12 March. School will finish at 2pm on this day. The 20 minute conferences will start at 2:20pm and go through to 8:00pm.

Please click on this [link](#) to book you and your child's conference with their teacher to discuss Learning Goals for the first half of 2024. Please also complete the [Permission to Leave Early](#) if you are happy for your child to be released early. All learners that remain at school will be supervised in the school hall and released at 3pm as normal. After school care will run as usual.

CamEast On Camera 2024

Everyone is invited to this week's Assembly when you will have an opportunity to view the first (short) edition of CamEast On Camera 2024. A new team of reporters, editors and producers will give us a glimpse of life at Cambridge East School and our latest news.

Our special thanks to the PTA team who donated the iMac devices which make this great learning opportunity possible.

Art in School

Mrs Haines, our CRT Art teacher, would appreciate donations of magazines such as House and Garden, Home and Garden or fashion magazines. These will be used to create collages and artwork throughout the year. If we have any scrapbooking enthusiasts that have left over supplies they would like to donate, and haberdashery items like buttons, ribbon, wool etc they will also be gratefully received at the school office.



Year 3/4 Camp Totara Springs - 25 to 27 March!

On 1 February parents of Year 3/4 learners were sent our Google form (click [here](#)) asking for permission for their child to attend Year 3/4 camp at Camp Totara Springs from 25 to 27 March 2024. Thank you to those who have already responded and returned the Health and EOTC forms sent home in school bags (please ask your child for it if they haven't already given it to you!). There are spares in the school office too.

A reminder that a \$100 deposit was due by Friday 26 February to confirm your child's place on camp. Please deposit into the school bank account (12-3268-0086793-00 using the references "Totara" & "Child's Name"- thank you!

We are now 3 weeks out from heading off to our next exciting camp experience. We have just finalised our programme for camp and the instructed activities are: Archery Tag, Orienteering, Go Karts/Mini Golf, Low Ropes, Rock Wall, Initiatives Course, Frisbee Golf/Human Foosball, Waterslides and Bushcraft. These have been selected to challenge our learners, but with a real sense of fun and achievement.

As we go into the final preparation, we ask that if you are still to return your health profiles for your children that these come in as soon as possible to assist us in meeting the needs of the learners on camp.

The cost of camps, including transportation costs have increased across the board, which is reflected in the total cost of camp per child. A big shout out to the PTA who have generously contributed \$2000 towards the cost of camp. This contribution has made such a difference to the overall cost for each learner!

The total cost of Camp Totara is \$310.00 per child The total cost of camp will need to be paid in full by **Friday 22nd March**.

PLEASE NOTE: Any paid camp costs will be **non-refundable** after Friday 8th March due to Camp Totara requiring final attendance numbers by this date, which the school will then be invoiced for.

We will be meeting with our year 3/4 learners over the next few weeks to get them all excited and pumped up about their upcoming experience. Please take the time with your children over the next little while to go through the gear list and assist them in naming all items and support them in learning how to pack their gear independently as this skill is one that will help greatly at camp.

School Swimming Sports

As we noted in our last newsletter: Swimming Sports is being split into two groups this year due to a change of venue.

Our Year 1, 2 and 3 learners will swim in the Cambridge East School Pool on Thursday, 7 March. Supporters are welcome on the day. No permission is necessary as we are not leaving the school grounds. Please click [here](#) for a schedule of the day.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 learners will swim at Cambridge High School Pool on Thursday, 14 March. Supporters are welcome to come along. Please click [here](#) to complete the permission form for your child to attend (if you haven't already done so), and click [here](#) to view the schedule for the day (please note that this is a loose schedule and we cannot guarantee timing, but will do our best to keep on time).

We are looking forward to watching our learners displaying "Always My Best" during Swimming Sports over the next weeks!



Waipa Fun Run

We had a keen group of learners who braved the rain on Sunday to run in the Waipa Fun Run. Their efforts were outstanding, and the school has been the beneficiary with our Year 5/6 team winning 1st place in the 2km Schools Challenge – a selection of books for the Library and our school winning the Schools Challenge Draw.



Tissues and Tinned Fruit

With the change of seasons our kura would really appreciate donations of tissues to be used in our classrooms and learning spaces. We would also appreciate donations of tins of fruit for our morning Breakfast Club to round out the offering of Weetbix and milk that is available for all learners from 8:30am each morning in the Function Room. Please drop your donations into the school office.

Winter Sport Registrations

A repeat of last week's information:

Local sports clubs are now accepting registrations for their junior Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Football winter sports teams. If you would like to register your child/ren please contact them directly by clicking on the links below. Please also be mindful of their registration closing dates, some of which close very soon:

Hautapu Sports Club - Netball, Rugby and Hockey

<https://hautapusports.co.nz/junior-sports/>

Leamington Sports Club - Netball, Rugby and Hockey

<http://www.lrsc.co.nz/>

Cambridge Football Club - Football

<https://cambridgefootball.co.nz/register>

TVP Sports - Netball

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/228017>

Paid Union Meeting – School Finishes at 12.45pm on Thursday, 21 March

On Thursday, 21 March, our teaching staff will be attending a Paid Union Meeting at Cambridge Middle School from 1.30pm. School will therefore finish at 12.45pm on Thursday, 21 March. If you would like your child to be released to make their way home at 12.45pm, you must complete the following Google Form by Wednesday, 20 March: [Permission to Leave Early - Thursday, 21 March](#). If we do not receive permission for your child to be released early, they will be supervised in the school hall until 3pm and then released as normal. After School Care will run as normal from 3pm.



PTA News

The PTA had its second meeting for the year earlier this week and welcomed new members to the team. There is an exciting year of activities and events ahead. Keep an eye on the Week Ahead for information about & links to PTA activities. *You all are invited to join the PTA team*, and support and help run special events which add to the fun and life of the school. Please get in touch if you are interested in finding out more. pta@cambridgeeast.school.nz



Ice Blocks and Juicies will be sold at the Junior and Senior Swimming Sports (if you can help do this at the senior sports on the 14th of March, please email pta@cambridgeeast.school.nz - thank you!

2024 School Donation & Contributions

Firstly, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those of you who have already paid the School Donation & Contributions, which were applied to school accounts last week. Thank you so much, we are very grateful.

This year, we are asking for a school donation of \$160/child, and also contributions towards the school's Paper and printing costs of \$20/child, and in-class Technology and Apps costs of \$35/child.

The school donation helps us provide resources and activities for our learners that we otherwise wouldn't be able to do, things like; Enrich & Discover, Inquiry Learning, Reading Recovery, Junior Literacy Programme, Specialist Resources for Art, Science and Technology, and Languages to name a few. Whereas the Paper contribution helps cover in-class paper usage for our learners, and the Technology and Apps contribution goes towards the purchase and use of the following programmes; House of Science, Seesaw, School Links (Solvam), Hapara, In-class Apps and the Kiwi Kids News subscription.

We understand that not everyone is in a position to be able to help contribute towards these expenses, especially during these challenging financial times. Any support, no matter how small, will be gratefully received this year.

With your help we look forward to being able to continue providing our learners with the resources and activities they have come to enjoy at Cambridge East School.

Follow us on Facebook

Remember to follow both the school and the PTA on Facebook to keep up with happenings between newsletters.

Kind regards
Ngaa mihi

Paul Cooper
Principal



LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

TIMATANGA

Room 10

Lachlan Rakena - Lachlan, thank you for being a super star! I am beginning to see you consistently stopping, thinking and making the best choice. I look forward to seeing you continue to grow over the year.

Riley Adler - You should be very proud of the effort you have put into your learning this term, Riley. You constantly challenge yourself and show a great attitude to learning. Ka pai, Riley.

Room 11

Elsie Boyte - Elsie, thank you for being such a kind and caring member of our class. You are always looking out for others and supporting them to make the best choice. Ka pai to mahi!

Thomas Aitchison - Thomas, you are working so hard to join in with your learning groups and build friendships with others in Room 11. Keep up the great work, I am so proud of you!

Room 12

Jakob Wilson - I have noticed you making a huge effort across all areas of your learning, but in particular during your Reading group. Keep working hard Jakob, you're doing an amazing job!

Ivy Bartleet - You clearly and confidently share your thinking, role modelling what it means to take risks in your learning. You are fast becoming a leader in Room 12. Ka pai, Ivy!

Room 13

Ava-Grace Kindred - Ava, it has been great welcoming you into our class, you have settled into our routines quickly and are always showing kindness to others. Ka pai!

Koby Smith - Koby, you consistently follow the Three Golden Rules and set a positive example in room 13. You are always considerate of others and willing to help which is amazing. Keep it up!

Room 14

Kyrie McCormack - Kyrie, you have settled so well in Room 14. You are becoming more independent when doing follow ups and I am proud of the way you persevere when something is tricky. Keep it up, Kyrie!

Ayaan Bhalla - Ayaan, you are beginning to understand our class routines and expectations, especially when you are on Play Stations. Keep up the great work, Ayaan.

KORU

Koru 1

Bryn Riddell - Bryn, you have made a great start in Koru tahi and have shown your commitment to learning through

independently completing 'must do' tasks. You are on track to becoming a consistent self-manager. Ka pai, Bryn!

Harsifat Sandhu - What an incredible start you have had to the year, Harsifat! You demonstrate your self-managing skills by ensuring you have highlighted tutorials to attend and planned your independent tasks each day. Keep up the great work!

Koru 2

Mitchell Fitzjohn - What an amazing buddy you are, Mitchell. You are always willing to support other learners when they need it and that makes our class a great place to be.

Thank you for the aroha and care you show others.

James Silvester - James, you do a wonderful job of using your chunking robot to help you sound out new words when reading. Keep this up!

Koru 3

Dilay Keskin - Dilay, you are focusing on your learning and are committed to demonstrating your abilities with the work you produce. Keep working hard and you will see the results. Ka pai!

Zayne Lakau - Your inquiring mind is amazing, and you continue to impress with your questions and knowledge. I am excited to see what you produce for your Inquiry this term. Ka mau te wehi!

Koru 4

Dayna Flatt - You are an Inquiry superstar, Dayna! I am so impressed with the focus and effort you have placed into answering your questions. Keep it up!

Hannah Bartleet - Hannah, it has been awesome to see your engagement when working on your Inquiry. You have been collaborating with peers, and critically thinking when answering your small questions. Well done!

AUAHA

Auaha M

Jesse Cabacungan - Jesse, you have a really positive attitude, and you try to make our space a great place to learn in. You are definitely standing out as a role model in Auaha M. Tino pai.

Mason Hastie - We are noticing how well you are taking responsibility for your learning this year, Mason. You can fill in your plan and follow it each day to complete your tasks. Ka pai.

Maddie Coote - You are a responsible Home Group leader. You support your group in a quiet, caring way, making sure they are

planned and understand learning tasks. Kia ora, Maddie.

Lewis Nelson - Lewis, you are always well organised and ready for learning. You focus during tutorials and make the most of your independent learning times. Great mahi, Lewis!

Auaha S

Harris O'Leary - What an impressive start to the year, Harris! We have really enjoyed seeing your motivation for learning shine through and appreciate the efforts you have been putting in. Tino pai to mahi!

Blake Helliwell - You are approaching this year with quiet confidence Blake, and we are delighted to see more of your personality in the classroom. We look forward to seeing what you can achieve this year!

Moskow Mansour - Your organisation skills are impressing us Moskow, planning your day and following it like an expert! The pride you have in your learning has grown and we will be so pleased to see that continue!

Eleanor Whyte - Seeing a Year 5 learner so quickly adjust to a new timetable and a new space is so pleasing to us, Eleanor. We particularly appreciate the care and effort you are putting into your learning and supporting your classmates. Nga mihi nui.

TE PUNA

Te Puna 19

Kana Coley - You have had a seamless start to the year. You are checking the plan to make sure you are in the right place at the right time, listen to instructions and are always organised. Ka pai, Kana.

Cason Bartz - I love the way that you support the people around you. You are the first one to put your hand up to help and you are consistently using your initiative when you can see things that need to be done. It is great to have you in Te Puna 19, Cason.

Te Puna 22

Sachi Cleaver - Sachi, you are such an amazing role model for our class. Your quiet determination to succeed in all learning tasks and follow ups hasn't gone unnoticed. We are so lucky to have you in our class! Tino pai, Sachi.

Elijah Pitt - The enthusiasm you bring to our writing tutorials is awesome to see. We have enjoyed hearing your character description and the way you use words. You are inspiring all of us to be better writers. Kia ora, Elijah.



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