



# CALEDONIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Caledonian Primary School

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### Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009

- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, Wednesday - Preps Do Not Attend School today.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, Thursday - Ashton Scholastic Book orders and payment due back to day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, Monday - School Council meeting, 7:30pm.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, Tuesday - General Assembly taken by Room 8 in multi-purpose Room at 9:00am. All welcome  
 - Parents & Friends Association meeting immediately after assembly.  
 - Close of nominations for school council positions 4:00pm today.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, Wednesday - Preps Do Not Attend School today  
 - Facilities Sub-committee meeting 7:00pm.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, Tuesday - Parent/Teacher meetings
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, Wednesday - Preps Do Not Attend School today.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Thursday - House Colour Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, Tuesday - General Assembly taken by Room 7 in multi-purpose room at 9:00am. All welcome.  
 - Parents & Friends Association meeting.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, Wednesday - Preps attend for the morning only – Preps dismissed at 12:30pm.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, Friday - House Sports
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, Monday - Labour Day Holiday**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, Wednesday - Preps attend for the morning only – Preps dismissed at 12:30pm.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mar, Monday - School Council meeting 7:30pm.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar, Tuesday - General Assembly taken by Rm 6 in multi-purpose room at 9:00am. All welcome.  
 - Parents & Friends Association meeting immediately after assembly.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar, Wednesday - Interschool Athletic Sports
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mar, Friday - Terrific Teams Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> Mar, Tuesday - General Assembly taken by Room 5 in multi-purpose room at 9:00am. All welcome.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Grade 5/6 Camp.

### Essential Items, Camps, Excursions and Incursions Information 2009

It is hoped that the following information will assist families with forward planning for the 2009 year.

#### Essential Items 2009

The Essential Items charge is \$30.00 per student and contributes towards the provision of the following items:

Art and Science Expendables eg paper, paint, glue, special pencils, clay, modelling material, seeds, plants, food

PE and Sports Equipment eg balls, bats, racquets

Photocopying

Classroom Expendables eg disks, paper

This charge is due this term.

#### Camps, Excursions and Incursions

##### Cost Estimates 2009

Listed below are some cost estimates for planned items for the year with an indication of the Grade level. Each time an activity is planned a specific note will be sent home in relation to the activity or event and the actual cost.

*Please note, these are only estimates.*

All Grade Levels	Essential Items - \$30 per student Incursion Activity at school each term - \$6.50 per term Swimming Program- \$45
Prep	Life Education \$8 Transport Term 2 Excursion \$6 Food Term 3 Excursion \$6
Grade 1	Life Education \$8 Transport Term 2 Excursion \$6 Food Term 3 Excursion \$6
Grade 2	Life Education \$8 Transport Term 2 Excursion \$6 Food Term 3 Excursion \$6 Grade 2 Sleepover \$20
Grade 3	Big Day Out \$60 Sports Activities \$50
Grade 4	Big Day Out \$60 Sports Activities \$50
Grade 5	Sunnystones Camp \$130 Sports Activities \$50
Grade 6	Sunnystones Camp \$130 Sports Activities \$50 Science Works \$6 Graduation \$10

## **EMA**

If you receive the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) this payment may be used to cover these expenses. Each excursion note will have a tick box on the bottom of the permission form to indicate if you wish to use the EMA as payment.

**We will not be requesting a Voluntary Contribution from families this year.**

## **School Leaders**



At our Assembly today our school leaders were presented with their badges.

We congratulate the following students on accepting leadership positions in our school and we know that they will give their very best throughout the year.

The leaders are:

School Captains – Madeline Birkett and Mitchell Peterken

Vice Captains – Montana Beaston and Scott Ryan

Junior School Council Leaders – Brittany Rixon-Dignan and Chloe Rodgers

Information Technology Leaders – Natalia Howlett and Brodie Parr

Blue - Victoria House Captains – Louise Damen and Blake Thomson

Gold - Brownbill House Captains – Skye Cunningham and Tim Martin

Red – Eureka House Captains – Jordan De La Pena and Patrick Te

Green – Sturt House Captains – Meg Aston and Toby Steenhuis

Visual Arts Leaders – Bellah Jackson, Tannille Naylor and Bridgette Muscat

Performing Arts Leaders – Jye Skewes McArthur and Ryan Carthy

Safety Club Leaders – Aaron Dalgleish and Ashley Smith

Library Leaders – Ebony Bee and Vincent Rowan McDonald

Environment Leader - Reece Barclay

Sport Equipment Leader (Senior) – Hayden Slater

Sport Equipment Leader (Junior) – Justine Clark

Our school leaders are positive role models to others, have special duties which are related to their particular role and they assist with improving and promoting our school. We wish our Grade 6 leaders all the very best for 2009.

## **School Council**

Nominations for School Council membership are now open. Nomination forms are available at the Office and if you require further information please contact me.

School Council is the governing body of the school and it is very important to have parent input into the decisions made by council. Our school council has 15 members made up of 8 parents, 4 school staff members 2 community members and the principal. Meetings are held twice a term on a Monday evening at 7:30pm at the school. I would encourage all parents to consider nominating for a position on council.

I would like to thank the following parents who have reached the end of their two year period on council – Marina Williams, Mirko Zlatkovic, Ron Damen & Wendy Aston. Thank you for your contributions to school council, we hope that you consider renominating for another term.

Thank you also goes to Owen Stepnell who has been a council member for 5 years. Owen retires from council as his daughter has moved to secondary school. Current parent members on school council are: Louise Martin, Simone Collins and Robyn Joore.

We have 4 vacant parent 2 year positions and 1 casual parent vacancy for 1 year.

Nomination forms are available from the school office. Nominations close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm.

## **Welcome To School Picnic**

Tonight is our Welcome to School Picnic. We hope to see our families come along to the Picnic which will take place on the small oval. Just a reminder that children need to be accompanied by an adult and that bikes are not to be ridden in the school grounds.



## **Classroom Newsletters**

Last Friday classroom teachers sent home a newsletter with information for parents regarding specialist timetables, homework and planned activities for this term. Please collect a classroom newsletter from your

child's classroom teacher if some reason you haven't received one.

### **Getting to Know You and Your Child Meetings**

These meetings are scheduled to take place after school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. They will begin at 3.45pm and conclude at 6.00pm. These meetings are an opportunity for parents to provide information to teachers about their child. The meetings are approximately 10 minutes duration and are held in the school's Library. Notices will be sent home with children to indicate times you wish to make you're your child's teacher.

### **Attendance**

We have been working very hard over the past few years to ensure that the children are here everyday at school except when they are unwell. It is important for children to attend school as there is a high correlation between attendance and academic and social success.

### **Staffing**

Our thoughts are with Vivienne Brooker and her family at this time following the passing of her mother last Friday. Vivienne will resume school in two weeks time.

Lois Dent will be absent from school this week. Helen Romeril will continue teaching our Room 7 students.

Sue Redfern  
Principal

### **Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Certificates at assembly this morning:

Room 1	Ella Bignell
Room 3	Brandon Walters, Jacob Zlatkovic
Room 4	Imogen Brown
Room 5	Jenna Hocking
Room 6	Reilly Cording
Room 7	Damon Smith
Room 8	Nicole Dockery

### **Donation of Goods to the Bush Fire Appeal**



Our school has contacted the Salvation Army to ask what we as a school to do to assist the families in the bush fire areas of Victoria. The Salvation Army would appreciate any items of clothing, blankets, linen etc and will send a truck to pick these up on Friday. If you are able to

make a donation of any of these goods please send your contribution along to the school office before Friday. Thank you.

### **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child's schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child's education up to the age of 16

Application forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the office by **27<sup>th</sup> February, 2009** to receive the first instalment. Late Application forms will not be accepted. You must also present your Centrelink Card when lodging your form.

To be eligible for the EMA you must hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card (valid on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2009) and be the legal parent or guardian of a child attending a primary or secondary school in Victoria. If you hold one of these cards you must fill in an application form from the school to receive the payment. If you have any questions about this payment please see Pam at the office.



### **Ashton Scholastic Bookclub**

Ashton Scholastic Bookclub order forms were sent home last week. If you would like to order any of these books for your child please fill in the order form and send it back to school with payment by this Thursday.

### **Grade 5/6 2009 Camp to Sunnystones**

Camp information was sent home to grade 5/6 students last Friday. Our Senior camp will be held at Sunnystones on April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of the camp is \$130.00 per child. This payment must be made by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Payments can be made at the school office in smaller instalments if preferred however the total must be paid by 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you receive the EMA payment you can use this payment for the camp. Please see Pam in the office if you need further information. Thank you.

### **Futsal – Indoor Soccer**

At this stage we don't know when Futsal will begin. As soon as I know I will pass on the information to you.



Geoff Dickson.

## Sport

Grades 3-6 will have sport on Friday afternoons.



### Physical Education Classes

Beginning this Wednesday, children in grades 3-6 will have their Phys Ed sessions. This will occur weekly.

Children in grades Prep to 2 will have Phys Ed session on Tuesday.

Please make sure your child/ren wear their runners on these days. Children in grades 3-6 should wear appropriate clothing on the P.E. days. We will be practising for our athletics sports.

### Midlands District Amateur Swimming Association Swimming Sports



The Primary School Swimming Sports will be held at the Eureka Swimming Pool complex in Stawell Street on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> march, 2009 commencing at 9:15am.

The nine and under 25metre events will be held at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre Pool on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, starting at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in your child competing in this competition please see me for application forms and further information. Thank you.

Geoff Dickson

### School is Cool with Tanya Daniels The Good Guys

The Good Guys are supporting our school by offering \$1 vouchers for the school for every \$100 spent by our school community. When making a purchase at their store please mention you are from Caledonian PS and they will issue you with vouchers for the school. We will collect these vouchers for the year and will then use them to purchase items for the school.

### Lunch Orders

The Humffray St General Store provides lunch orders for our students on Fridays. If your child would like a lunch order please fill in their name, room number and

order on an envelope and place the money inside the envelope. Orders should be placed in the lunch order tub at school on Thursday morning and will be delivered back to the school at Friday lunchtime. A lunch order list has been sent home today.

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**Bookings & Cancellations 0431 579 678**

**[cpsasc@caledonianps.vic.edu.au](mailto:cpsasc@caledonianps.vic.edu.au)**

Welcome back after a long hot holiday. Hope everyone had a lot of fun. I know staff at After School Care couldn't wait to return to work. We all look forward in seeing you after school soon.

### BOOKINGS

It is important to fill out a 2009 enrolment form before you start using the program. These can be collected from ASC or the schools office. It is also important to book your child into the program as there are limited spaces available. 2008 BOOKINGS DO NOT ROLL OVER FOR THIS TERM. Please ensure you have confirmed your bookings.

### CANCELATIONS

It is also just as important to cancel your child from after school care if they are away from school or just not attending that night. There is no charge if you cancel before 1pm on the day, after 1pm you pay your normal session fee. **INFORMING OF A NON-ATTENDANCE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT**

Mandie

## Parents & Friends Association News

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents & Friends Association will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb in the conference room immediately after assembly. All most welcome to attend.

### Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## Community News

### Drum Lessons



Would your child like to learn to play the drums? John Woods is again offering undertake drum lessons for students at this school. Lessons would take place at the school during normal school hours. If your child is interested please contact John on 53376573 or 0427185736 for further details.