



# CALEDONIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Caledonian Primary School

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### Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

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| <b>Tuesday Nights</b>                   | - <b>Nit Night is Tuesday Night.</b>   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Friday            | - Terrific Teams Day   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Tuesday           | - Payment and permission forms for Applauso performance due back by today.       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Wednesday         | - National Ride2School Day 2009.   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Thursday          | - Interschool Athletics Sports – Llanberris                                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar, Friday            | - Easter Egg raffle tickets due back by today.                                   |
|   | - Premier's Reading Challenge application forms due back today.                  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar, Tuesday           | - General Assembly taken by Room 5 in multi-purpose room at 9:00am. All welcome. |
|   | - Parents & Friends Association meeting immediately after assembly.              |
|   | - Easter Raffle drawn at assembly.   |
|   | - Christof!!: Applause performance for whole school, 2:00pm                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | - Grade 5/6 Camp.  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> April, Friday</b>     | - <b>Last day of term. Students dismissed at 2:30pm.</b>                         |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> April, Monday          | - First Day of Term 2  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday         | - General Assembly taken by Rm 4 in multi-purpose room at 9:00am. All welcome.   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May, Friday             | - Walkathon.   |

### Visitors Policy

The school's Visitors Policy was amended by School Council last night. The addition to the policy which now clarifies the presence of talent scouts in the school is:

Talent scouts will not be allowed access to students as we consider that this function is one that should only be carried out privately by parents and students outside school hours.

### BE 'ON-TIME' FOR SCHOOL



It is very important that all children are 'on-time for school'. This means being at school as close to 8:50a.m. as possible. This is a great time to arrive at school as there is enough time to unpack and be ready for the first learning session at 9.00a.m.

### HEAD LICE

It is a fact that while children are attending school there is all probability that they will come into contact with head-lice. Children get head lice from direct **hair to hair contact** with someone who has head lice – this can happen when children play or work closely together. **Head lice is not a result of unclean or unwashed hair** – in fact they can be found in the cleanest of hair. We have staff who are trained in the inspection and treatment of head lice, and we will be organizing regular school-wide checks for those

students whose parents have provided permission. It is very important however, that parents conduct regular checks of their children's hair and apply appropriate treatment if necessary. It is also important to note that the **treatment of head lice is not a one-off treatment**, but that the hair needs to be treated once every three days for two weeks, to ensure breaking of the life cycle of head lice. For information regarding treatment please ask at the school office or visit the Department of Human Services web-site at [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/headlice](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/headlice)



### PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

I am looking forward to the first Principal's Morning Tea for 2009 on Thursday. Students who will be attending have been selected by their classroom and specialist teachers.

### ADVANCE NOTICE EARLY DISMISSAL

Term 1 will conclude on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and the students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Term 2 will commence on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES

While School Council is primarily responsible for the key decisions regarding school policy, it relies heavily on recommendations put forward by specialist sub-committees. Getting involved on a subcommittee

provides an excellent training ground for parents who wish to join School Council at a later date as well as parents who wish to provide support for the school at a subcommittee level.

### Sub-committees

#### Finance (Convenor - Geoff Dickson)



The Finance Committee develops budgets for school council approval and monitors the financial performance of the school. The Committee also deals with issues relating to the organisation of events and projects, which aim to raise funds for the school.

#### Curriculum (Convenor - Cheryl Tunbridge)

The Curriculum Committee reviews school curriculum policies within the school and makes recommendations to School Council on educational matters.

#### Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) (Convenor - Madie Gray)

The Outside School Hours Care Committee of Management oversees the management of the Outside School Hours Care Programs and reports to School Council.



#### Facilities (Convenor - Peter Martin)

The Facilities Committee ensures that the buildings and surrounds are maintained in a safe and attractive manner and the buildings and surrounds comply with DEECD and government regulations.

#### Publicity (Convenor - Lois Dent)

The Publicity Committee aims to build positive perceptions of the school in the community.

#### Welfare Convenor – (Geoff Dickson)

The Welfare Committee reviews wellbeing policies within the school and make recommendations to School Councils on wellbeing matters.

Sub-committee meetings are usually held in the two week period before School Council meetings.

School Council Meeting dates are: 11<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Please check the School Diary on the Newsletter for Subcommittee Dates

Sue Redfern  
Principal

### Students of the Week

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

Room 1	Yasmin Carrigg
Room 3	Luka Brown
Room 4	Brock Tinetti
Room 5	Jaiden Scott
Room 6	Brock Jackson
Room 7	Genevieve Zlatkovic, Jordan De la Pena, Lachlan Noonan

McDonalds Award – Jordan Moore & Tahlia Bridges.

### Payment for Excursions.

Permission forms and payment for the Christof!!: Applauso performance (for all grades) should be returned to the office by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. **Late payments and permission forms will not be accepted** (unless prior arrangements have been made through the office).

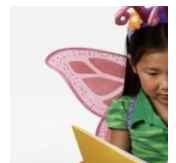
### Interschool Athletics Sports

Students who have been selected for the Interschool Athletics Sports next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, will have received their notes today and a timetable of approximate times when events are being held. Some students will leave school by bus at 9:00am and the remainder at 11:15am. Please inform your classroom teacher if your child is going by private transport by this Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. School staff attending the sports are Heather Christensen, Cheryl Tunbridge, Geoff Dickson and Tracey Mahar.

Geoff Dickson

### Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

For the past four years, the premier of Victoria has incited students to take up a challenge to improve their reading skills and to discover the joy and wonder that can be found in books.



This year students from Prep to year 9 are again challenged to read more and to read more widely. Students in Prep to year 2 are challenged to read or 'experience' 30 books and students in Years 3 to 10 are challenged to read 15 books by 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009. If children are just learning to read, you can help them to 'experience' books by reading to or with them and taking about the story, text and pictures.

As children develop their reading skills, you can encourage them to try different types of books. The Reading Challenge booklists contain almost 5,000 titles and include fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry,

short stories and graphic/cartoon novels. This year you can search the booklist with your child to find books by categories such as adventure, fantast and history.

**2009 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Rules**

1. You must register as a Challenger and keep a record of you reading on the Challenge website.
2. You must be a student in a year level from prep to Year 10 in 2009.
3. Between 30 January and 31 August you must read the following number of books:

If you are in	You must Read
Prep	30 (20 or more from the Challenge booklist)
Year 1	30(20 or more from the Challenge booklist)
Year 2	30(20 or more from the Challenge booklist)
Year 3	15(20 or more from the Challenge booklist)
Year 4	15(20 or more from the Challenge booklist)
Year 5	15(20 or more from the Challenge booklist)
Year 6	15(20 or more from the Challenge booklist)

4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. The can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
5. Your online books must be verified as read by a coordinator.
6. All your information must be completed online before the end of 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009.

Students will be assisted with their registrations at school and we are asking that students let their teacher know of their intention to register by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We encourage you to discuss the benefits of participating in the Challenge with your child and support them with the Challenge by assisting them to select appropriate books, reading with them and talking with them about books. We look forward to working in partnership with you to promote a lifelong love of reading in our children.

In term 4 certificates will be awarded to celebrate the achievements of all students who successfully complete the Reading Challenge.

For more information about the Challenge, visit the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge website or contact us at school.

Gay Holdsworth  
Literacy Co-ordinator

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**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.

**CANCELLATIONS**

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 held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the conference room immediately after assembly. All most welcome to attend.

**Easter Egg Raffle**

Raffle tickets have been sent home to each family. Tickets are 3 for \$1.00 and must be returned to the office by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. The draw will take place at assembly on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Thank you to the families who have donated an item towards this raffle. If you have not sent along a donation yet there is still time to do so. The more donations we receive the bigger the raffle will be. Extra raffle tickets are available at the office if you require more.



**Grade 6 Tops**

The Grade 6 tops have arrived at our school and can be collected from the office. The cost of the top is \$40, a deposit of \$20 has been paid which leaves a balance of \$20 per top.



**Early Notice – DFO Shopping Trip**

We will again be conducting a bus trip to DFO in Melbourne this year. However this year we have decided to go to the Moorabbin DFO, so start saving your money and look out for further information at a later date.

# **Community News**