Term 1 Calendar

**February**
- Wednesday 3rd: Prep Rest Day – Prep students do not attend school today.
- Friday 7th: Welcome Cuppa – 8.50am in the Junior Building
- Monday 10th: AASC – Track Cycling Commences
- Tuesday 11th: Family Picnic – 6.00pm in the school grounds
- Wednesday 12th: Prep students do not attend school today, Breakfast Club – 8.00am in the Multi
- Thursday 13th: AASC – Triathlon Commences

**March**
- Tuesday 18th: Twilight Sports

**APPRECIATIONS**
- We appreciate the transition students have made into the new school year. All of the children have returned to school ready to achieve their personal best.
- Thank you to all of the staff who spent time during the holidays ensuring classrooms were organised and lessons were prepared for the students return to school.
- Our student enrolment has increased again. We appreciate all of the new families for choosing to send their children to Caledonian PS
- We have a number of new faces on staff. Their ideas and enthusiasm have been warmly received by everyone.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
- Coordinator: Mark Hurley
- ASC Mobile Number: 0431 579 678
- Email: cpsasc@caledonianps.vic.edu.au

**Term Dates for 2014**
- Term 1: 29th January – 4th April
- Term 2: 22nd April – 27th June
- Term 3: 14th July – 19th September
- Term 4: 6th October – 19th December

WELCOME TO THE YEAR OF THE HORSE!!

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Happy New Year!
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Welcome Cuppa
Parents & Carers, join us in the Junior Unit on Friday 7th February from 8.50am.
Toddlers are most welcome to come along with parents.

Prep Attendance – Term 1
Week 1 - 29th Jan (Preps begin)
Week 2 – 5th Feb (Prep interviews)
Week 3 – 12th Feb (Prep interviews)
Week 4 – 19th Feb (Prep interviews)
Week 5 – 26th Feb (Prep interviews)
Week 6 – 5th March (half day – finish at 12:30pm)
Week 7 – 12th March (half day – finish at 12:30pm)
Week 8 – 19th March (half day – finish at 12:30pm)
Week 9 – 26th March (full day)
Week 10 – 2nd April (full day)

Active After School Communities
This term’s AASC activities are Track Cycling on Monday and Triathlon on Thursday.
Track cycling will be held at the Marty Bush Reserve in Sebastopol. A bus will transport students at 3.30pm and return the students to school by 5:00pm.

Track cycles will be provided and students will receive tuition from members of the Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club. Participants from Years 3-6 will need to be capable or riding a track bicycle.

Triathlon will be held here at school on Thursdays finishing at 4:45pm.
Snacks are provided and all activities are free.
Students are expected to fully participate and uphold the Tribes Agreements at all times.
If you would like your child to participate forms are available at the front office.
Any questions about activities please see Mr Storey at school.

Caledonian Playgroup
Held at the Caledonian Primary School, Multi-Purpose Hall
Every Wednesday Morning—9am-11am (Excluding school and public holidays)
Cost: Gold coin donation   Byo drink bottle and cut fruit to share.
Join our Facebook
For further details please ring the Caledonian Primary School on 53326955
All Preschool age children welcome!
Staff - 2014

Principal: Andrew Parry
Assistant Principal: Geoff Dickson

Business Manager: Pam Thacker

Classroom Teachers
Prep: Kate Mceldrew (Room 1)
Prep: Mandy Polkinghorne/Nicole Lawlor (Room 3)
1/2R: Stuart Robinson (Room 4)
1/2M: Prue Morrison (Room 2)
1/2S: Addam Storey (Room 9)
3/4RT: Helen Romeril/Anthony Tait (Room 11/12)
3/4C: Samantha Couch (Room 6)
3/4P: Chris Prockter (Room 11/12)
5/6G: Sacha Giurietto (Room 8)
5/6V: Daniel Vagg (Room 5)
5/6W: Patrick White (Room 7)

Reading Recovery: Jodi Toering

Specialist Teachers
Visual Arts: Debi McLean
Music: Earl Leonard
LOTE: Heather Dent
Science: Helen Romeril/Anthony Tait

Education Support Staff
Sharon Lenthall
Pam Barby
Tracey Simpson
Danielle Skewes-Clinton
Andrew Hubbard

Computer Technicians
Anthony Quinn
Jerry Goularas

Grounds
David Bailey
Information Evening
Tuesday 4th March, 2014

Campus Expo and tours from 6pm
Information Briefing from 7pm

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening.

The evening begins with an Expo and tour of the Sebastopol Campus from 6pm followed by discussion with Campus Leaders and Teaching Staff in the Learning Resource Centre.

A comprehensive Information Package on Academic Curriculum, Scholarship Opportunities, Performing Arts and our Sports Program will be provided.

The College Principal Team or School Leaders would be pleased to conduct a personalised tour of the College at any time. Bookings can be made by contacting the office on 03 5329 3293.

“In Knowledge there is Opportunity”

Lunch Orders

We do not operate a canteen at our school however the local Milk Bar in Humffray Street (near Russell Square) delivers lunches to our students each Thursday. If your child would like a lunch order on this day please print your child’s name, room number and lunch order on the front of an envelope and include correct payment in the envelope. Orders must be handed into the school on Wednesday and will be delivered at lunch time on Thursday. Lunch order price lists are available at the school office.
After School Care

WELCOME BACK!! We were so happy to see everyone back this term. We would like to especially welcome all the new families who have started. We have very limited space available with some waiting lists. If you don't need care please cancel for that day so another child can use that spot for that day only.

Late Pick Up Fee - Please be aware that there is a $1 per min/per child charge for late collection, after 6pm.

For bookings or enquiries contact Mark on 0431579678

Bluearth

In 2000, Australian businessman and philanthropist Malcolm Freake decided he wanted to contribute to the health and well-being of our Nation by encouraging an increased participation in physical activity.

He gathered together experts in the fields of Human Movement, Education, Psychology, Elite Sport and Health and asked them to create a program that would achieve his aim. They concluded that the greatest long term benefit to any individual’s health and well-being would be achieved through influencing critical habits and attitudes at a young age.

Through the generosity of the Freake Family Trust the Bluearth Foundation, and the unique Bluearth Approach to learning, was created.

It took two years to develop the “Bluearth Approach” and, in 2002, the first professional Bluearth coaches’ began delivering this program in Victorian schools.

As more and more parents, teachers and Principals saw the results and appreciated the health, social and behavioural benefits to the students the decision was taken in 2005 to go national.

This year we are delighted to enter our fourth year of Bluearth, with classes provided for all students in Years Prep-6 at Caledonian Primary School. In 2011 we enjoyed many immediate benefits for our students. Our netballers began to win as did our footballers. Our students and staff are more conscious of posture and breathing techniques. We all continue to strive for personal best. If you would like to learn more about this program please see the website www.bluearth.org or contact Andrew.

Asthma Plans

Children who have asthma are required to have an Asthma Plan. If they already have a plan and their condition hasn’t changed then a new one is not required. If a child with asthma doesn’t have a plan then parents will be required to arrange one that is signed by a doctor. The Asthma Plan forms are available from our office. More information is available at the Asthma Foundation website.

EMA

Do you have a Healthcare Card or Pension Card? If you do please call into the school office and fill out an Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) form. Applications must be filled out and returned to the school by 28th February. Late Applications cannot be processed.

Assembly / Staff Meeting Times

Please note assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons commencing at approximately 2.45pm. Assemblies are held in the multi-purpose room at the front of the school and all parents are most welcome to attend. Ever second assembly is taken by students from a classroom. Each room will have a turn at presenting assembly.

Staff meetings will be held on Tuesday immediately after school. All staff will be unavailable from 3.40-5.30pm on Tuesday afternoons.
Scholastic Bookclub

Order forms to purchase books through Scholastic Bookclub have been sent home. If you would like to make a purchase from these forms please fill in your order and return it with payment to the school office by next Thursday 14th February. Books will be returned to the school approximately 7-10 days from this date. For further information please see Pam in the office.

Hats

Hats are compulsory uniform items in Term 1 and Term 4. We have a No Hat No Play policy meaning that students not wearing a hat will have to sit in a shaded area during recess and lunchtime.

2013 Timetable

9.00 Literacy – Reading/Writing
11.00 Recess
11.30 Mathematics
12.30 – Supervised Eating
12.45pm Integrated Studies
1.45pm Lunch Play
2.25pm Prep - Developmental Play / Years 1-6 Spelling Mastery
2.50pm Integrated Studies
3.25 Dismissal

Reminder - We do ask parents collecting students at the end of the day to stay outside buildings until the final bell goes at 3.25pm. This is especially important in the junior building as the large open space is often used for learning activities. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Violin Lessons

Yvonne Holley is available to teach 30 minute violin lessons at Caledonian PS within school hours. Individual and group lessons are on offer and violin hire can be arranged.

Individual: $25  Group: $12  Violin Hire: $5

Contact Yvonne – 0416 026871

Drum Lessons

John Wood is available to teach drum lessons at Caledonian PS within school hours on a Friday. If you would like your child to participate in these lessons, or would like more information on cost and/or session times please contact John on 0427185736

Head Lice

All students will have their hair checked at school regularly. Head lice is an issue faced by all schools. At Caledonian we try to be as vigilant as possible to ensure are students are not infected. Parent support in regularly checking your children’s hair is greatly appreciated by both staff and other families.

Piano Tuition

Jennifer Howlett is offering piano lessons at school this year. She is a qualified registered teacher and a Member of Australian Guild of Music and Speech. She is offering half hour lessons at reasonable rates. If interested please contact Jennifer on 0434249657 or 53347314.
Booklists / Fees- 2014

This year we had to change our supplier for our student books. Unfortunately Office National no longer exist, necessitating a number of schools in the Ballarat area having to source new suppliers. Students have received a box with their own items in it. In addition we ordered items such as pencils, rulers, eraser, folders etc. (essential items) in bulk to reduce costs. These will be distributed to students throughout the school year.

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Please note the bulk stationery amounts listed have been averaged and only include the initial purchases made for classrooms. Additional supplies will be purchased throughout the year when needed by students. As can be seen the total cost for parents this year has been subsidised by School Council and our combined fee is cheaper than 2013. Bulk supply to students has ensured classrooms were up and running on day one, allowing students and teachers to maximise teaching/learning time.

A Voluntary Contribution for 2014 was also set by School Council. This voluntary contribution is $35.00 per child. This contribution assists in funding the extra-curricular activities that we provide at Caledonian P.S. as well as additional resources for the students.

Thank you to parents for your cooperation and support. A special thanks goes to the many families who paid the voluntary contribution this year. This money further enhances the experiences children have at Caledonian Primary School.