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**Breakfast Club – Wednesday morning 8:15-8:45am.**
The Brown Hill Uniting Church members are again running a breakfast club for our students on a Wednesday morning in the Multi-purpose Room. Students are welcome to come along and enjoy a free breakfast before school.

**Scholastic Bookclub**
Order forms for Scholastic Bookclub have been sent home today. Orders and payment must be returned to the school office by Thursday 21st April.

**2017 Year 7 Placement Forms**
A reminder to all grade 6 students that their 2017 Year 7 Placement Form must be returned to the school office by Friday 6th May. All year 6 students need to return this form even if they are going to a non-Government school.

**Special Religious Instruction**
SRI sessions will commence this Wednesday in the Multi-purpose room at lunch play from 1:45 – 2:15pm. If you would like your child to participate in these sessions please fill in a permission form from the office. There is a cost of $10 per child for materials.

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**Before & After School Care 2016**
Before School Care will operate from 7:30am – 8:45am. every school day.
After school care will run from 3:25 – 6:00pm. in the multi-purpose room at the front of the school.
Students must have a Before & After School Care Enrolment form filled in before they can attend.
Forms are available from After School Care or from the school office.
**Late Pick Up Fee** - Please be aware that there is a $1 per minute/per child charge for late collection, after 6pm. For bookings or enquiries contact Kylie on 0431579678

**AFL AUSKICK**
AFL Auskick will be held at Russell Square, Scotts Parade on Fridays from 5:00 – 6:00pm
Starting date: 15/04/16
Finish Date: 24/06/16
Register your child online at aflauskick.com.au

**CALEDONIAN COMMUNITY CONNECT**
Community Connect is an opportunity for family members and friends of present and past students to form a relationship with the school and to contribute to the school community. The team meet on every fortnight on a Monday before assembly for approximately 30 minutes.

Our Mission Statement:
Community Connect recognises the importance of community involvement and support within the school environment to achieve a partnership with the school that can be built upon and sustained so that we can give the students an enriched learning environment.
Goals:
- Promote friendship and support within the Caledonian community through social activities.
- Help raise funds to support school programs, social events and renew equipment.
- Liaise with the School Council and identify areas in need of funding that may not be covered within the budgetary limits of the school.
- Set priorities for funding objectives.
- Give support to our teaching and administration staff wherever possible.

**Committee members 2015-16**

**President:** Sherridan Crawford 0424037705  
**Vice President:** Mel Tolliday

**Committee members:** Kirsty Russell, Sarah Watts, Kate Robinson, Cindy Trigg, Erin Andrews, Janine Harris, Kate Hodge, Alida Trafford, Emma Carter, Andrea Perrin, Kelly Spooner.

**School Council Representatives:** Emma Carter and Sarah Watts

ALL WELCOME TO COME JOIN US FOR A COFFEE.

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**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!

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**Drum Lessons**

John Wood is available to teach drum lessons at Caledonian PS within school hours on a Friday. One-on-one lessons or group lessons are available (maximum 2 students per group). Students do not need a drum kit to get started. If you would like your child to participate in these lessons, or would like more information on cost, session times, etc. please contact John on 0427185736.

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**Pinarc Parent Information Sessions and Support Groups**

**Centrelink Information for families of children with disabilities**

Presented by James Everard of Centrelink Ballarat.  
Monday 18th of April, 6.45pm - 8.30pm  
Pinarc Disability Support, 1828 Sturt St Alfredton  
A DVD for children will be showing in another room with supervision by Pinarc Recreation staff for families unable to find childcare for that evening. Please confirm numbers at time of registration.

Register at Pinarc Reception: Ph: 5329 1300  
Email: Admin@pinarc.org.au
Pinarc Free NDIS Pre-Planning Information Sessions.

- Learn about the steps you need to take
- Receive Handbooks to guide you through the process
- Speak directly to a Pinarc Planner who can answer your questions.

**Ballarat - 1828 Sturt Street Alfredton**
- Wednesday 27th April, 7.30-8.30pm.
- Tuesday 10th of May, 9.30am.

**Other locations**
- Bacchus Marsh, Thursday 21st April 10.00am
- Daylesford, Thursday 28th April, 10.00am
- Bannockburn, Monday 2nd May, 7.00pm
- Bannockburn, Tuesday 3rd May, 10.00am
- Creswick, Thursday 5 May, 10.00a.m.
- Ararat, Tuesday 10th May, 11.00am

Phone Pinarc on 5329 1300 to book your place.

**Individual Pre-Planning Sessions.**

- Meet with a qualified and experienced Pinarc planner
- Identify the supports you are receiving now and any additional support you need.
- Prepare your participant or carer statement
- Learn about the language the NDIS uses

**Book a time to suit you. Phone Pinarc Central Intake: 53291398**

**Ballarat MyTime group**
This group is for parents and carers of young children with disabilities or chronic illness. MyTime sessions provide opportunities to connect with others whilst an experienced Play Helper provides activities for children who attend.
My Time runs at Pinarc, 1828 Sturt St, 10am - 12pm on alternate Wednesdays during school terms.  
April topics:  
13 April - Bedtime and sleep issues  
27 April - NDIS update

**Ballarat Autism Parent Connection**
This social group meets at The Robin Hood Hotel, 33 Peel St Nth, Ballarat on the second or third Monday of the month, 10am – 12pm. The next meeting will be Monday 16th May at 10am. New members always welcome.

**ADHD/ADD/ODD Parent Connection**
This social group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting for this group will be Tuesday April 26th, 10am at Ballarat Yacht Club. New members more than welcome.

**Blokes Brigade**
This is a group for fathers of children with disabilities. New members welcome.
Contact: Matthew Smith Ph: 0497 587 285, blokesbrigade@hotmail.com

**Down Syndrome Parent Support Group**
The Ballarat Down Syndrome Support Group meet regularly for a meal or a coffee. Contact Wendy on charingal.park@bigpond.com for more information.