**2017 Prep Enrolments**

We are now accepting enrolments for 2017. With spaces filling very quickly you are advised to submit enrolments forms at the office as soon as possible.

School tours are available – please contact Helen.

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**Head Lice**

Parents are asked to please take the time to check your children’s hair for headlice on a regular basis. We will conduct checks at school each Wednesday morning. Please note we are required by Government policy to send students home immediately if live lice are detected. Your cooperation in checking your child/ren’s hair would be greatly appreciated by staff.

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**Change of Date for School Council Meeting**

Please note the next school council meeting will be on Monday 5th December.

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**Walking School Bus**

Tomorrow will be the last day of our walking school bus. Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm and support. A special thank you to the staff who waited, met and walked with our students.
Staffing for 2017
Next week on Tuesday 6th students will be meeting their teachers for 2017 when they will spend an hour in their new grade.

We would like to wish Pat White all the best as he moves to a new position in Geelong. Pat has been at Caledonian for 3 years and has made many contributions to our school community. All the best Pat.

We would also like to welcome back Prue Morrison. Prue has been teaching in 5/6 R this term and we can now announce that she will be with us in 2017.

Bicycle Safety
It has been wonderful to see so many of our students walking, riding and scooting to school now that the weather is starting to improve. While we would like to encourage students to ride and walk to school, it is important that parents discuss with their children about road safety.

Please talk with your children about the following:
- If you are riding a bike or on a scooter you MUST wear a correctly fitted helmet.
- If you are under the age of 12 you can ride on footpaths.
- Stay to the left side of the footpath where possible.
- Bike riders are to give way to pedestrians.
- Be aware of cars backing out of driveways, it is hard for them to see you.
- Always obey road signs.
- Make eye contact with other road users so they know your intentions.
- Indicate using your hands if you are going to turn.
- Always use designated crossings and wait for the crossing attendant to blow the whistle before crossing.


Energy Breakthrough 2016
17th – 19th November
Well done to our two teams Optiform and Dash Advance who completed in the 2017 Energy Breakthrough challenge. For three days, 22 children competed in three different aspects of the competition; design/presentation, scrutineering and the race.

This year we our final positions were 7th for Optiform, who completed 354 laps, and 63rd for Dash Advance who completed 282 laps.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and parents who helped out at the event.

For all of Term 4 our staff was preparing the students for the event, helping them during training sessions, organising the presentation boards and generally getting them ready. We appreciate you giving up your own time to do this.

To the parent helpers, you helped to paint our backgrounds for presentation, organise the food, cater for the event, build our carts, complete marshalling duties, put up tents, pull down tents, transport equipment and supported our students at the event. We can’t thank you all enough and we appreciate the effort and time you have put in.
To the students, your commitment to training, practising, organising and being part of the team was outstanding. Your behaviour at the event was second to none and we were all proud to be part of Team Pelican.

To our generous sponsors, your input into our team was appreciated. An event like this takes much time and money and without your support we wouldn't be able to compete. Thank you.

A special thank you to our Trike builder/technician Brayden Shankar. Braden spent many hours of his own time building and redesigning our cart. He also took holidays to attend the event in Maryborough to support both of our teams and our friends at Clunes. Thank you Braden, we couldn’t do it without you.

**Tribal Council News**

**Icypole Thursday**

Students from our Tribal Council will be selling zooper doopers at lunch time play on Thursday 17th and 24th. Zooper doopers will be available to purchase from the canteen in the multi-purpose room for $1.00.

**Community Connect News**

**Christmas Raffle**

Community Connect will again be conducting a Christmas raffle this year. We are seeking donations towards this raffle. It would be great if every family could send along an item for the raffle – food items, giftware, decorations, toys, household goods, etc, etc. Anything would be greatly appreciated. Items can be left at the school office.

**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

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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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**Term Dates for 2017**

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