



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st February 2019

Calendar

February

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| Monday 4th | Prep Students begin Term 1 |
| Tuesday 19th | Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions/Family Picnic Evening |
| Thursday 21st | House Colours Day |
| Thursday 28th | Athletics Day at Llanberris Reserve |
| Monday 25th | School Council meeting 7pm |

March

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| Monday 11th | Labour Day Public Holiday |
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April

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| Monday 1st | Resilience Project Parent Information evening |
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APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the staff and parents who looked after the grounds on the holidays including the veggie garden.
- Thank you to all the students and staff for a fantastic start to the school year.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2019 school year. What a fantastic start to the school year it has been. Staff returned on Tuesday and had two days of professional learning based around Literacy and Numeracy. These two days allowed us to set the scene for the initiatives we are going to focus on this year.

It was so nice to welcome back our Grade One to Six students yesterday. I visited all the classrooms and I know that we are in for a very exciting 2019. All the classrooms were very settled and there was some great work happening around transitioning students into their new class.

We are very excited to welcome our Prep students on Monday morning. Some of the students have already been coming in for assessments and getting to know their classroom teacher.

New Staff

This week we have welcomed some new staff to Caledonian Primary School. Elizabeth Dorian is teaching 3/4D. Brendan Arriagada is teaching 1/2A and Jake Clark is joining us in the PE role. Brooke Stevens will be in the office as the Office Manager Monday to Friday working alongside Pam in the Business Manager role.

Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions

Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet sessions will be held on the 19th February from 2.00pm – 5.30pm. The purpose of these meetings is to share information between home and school and build the relationship between student, parent and teacher. Caledonian Primary School is utilising the Compass Conference module, for the booking of Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet sessions. Bookings for these sessions will open on Tuesday 5th of February at 9am.

After our Meet and Greet sessions we will be having our annual **Family Picnic from 5.30pm – 7.00pm**. We hope you can come along and enjoy a picnic and some activities for students.

Assembly/Newsletter

This year we will be sending home newsletters on odd weeks and assemblies will be held on even weeks. Newsletters will be sent home via Compass. If you require a paper copy please advise Brooke in the office. Our first assembly for 2019 will be on Friday 8th February at 2.45pm. We hope you can come along and join us for a celebration of the students first week of school.

Uniform Policy

On Wednesday our updated uniform policy came into effect. Walking around the classrooms it was fantastic to see students in full school uniform. Thank you to families for taking the time over the holidays to ensure students had correct uniform for the first day. This policy is available on Compass.

The biggest change to the policy is in regards to the shoes students can wear. There will be a transition period for shoes until the beginning of Term 3. By Term 3 all students are expected to be in the correct footwear (this does not include socks).

Please see below the information in regards to shoes:

School shoes should be black, closed toe shoes. Black runners are acceptable, but no excessive branding. White or fluoro runners are not permitted.

Please ensure that the choice of shoe is age appropriate. Pull-on boots and velcro is advisable for children who can't yet tie laces.

Black or blue colour gumboots can be worn during winter.

Black runners are advised to be worn during PE.

Socks should be black, white or grey and non-branded with no socks over tight and hair accessories need to be in school colours.

If students arrive at school out of uniform they will be given a uniform to change into and this will be returned by students at the end of the day. A note will be sent home to families to advise them of this.

Families requiring support with uniform please make an appointment to see Geoff Dickson.

Hats

A reminder that all students require a SunSmart approved hat as part of the compulsory school uniform.

Hats should be navy blue in colour. Hats should be worn whilst outside from 1 September to 30 April. We have some hats available at the office for \$5. If students don't have a hat they will need to play in a shaded area.

Compass

Compass is the main communication tool that we use to communicate with our families. If you are having difficulty logging in or using the app please see Brooke in the office. We hope that all families can be using the Compass management system to stay up to date with things happening at CPS.

Year Level Newsletters

By the end of week 3 all students will receive a newsletter specific to the year level they are in for 2019. This newsletter will contain specific information about the teaching and learning, important dates, timetables for each class and a note from the specialists. We hope that this will provide information about what your child is focusing on at school and further develop the home school relationship.

House Athletic Sports

This year all students will compete in our House Athletic Sports at Llanberris Reserve on Thursday 28th February. Parents are asked to drop their child off at Llanberris at 9:00am that morning and collect them from Llanberris at 3:00pm. Students will need to bring their lunch, a snack and plenty of water for the day. Please also make sure your child has a hat and sun cream and a coat if it is cold. The canteen will be open for parents/guardians/friends. All student are asked to dress in their house colour. Parents and guardians are very welcome to come along and cheer on their children. A note with further information will be sent home soon.

Camp Australia

Camp Australia bookings are now open for the 2019 school year. Please click on the link below to register your child. We encourage all families to register incase you ever need the service.

<https://www.campaustralia.com.au/>

Save the Date

This year we are very fortunate to be working in partnership with the Resilience project. They will be running a parent information session on Monday 1st April. We hope lots of members of the community can come along to this session.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend with the warm weather and I look forward to seeing you around the school soon.

Kind regards,

Brea Terris
Principal

Contact Information

Please ensure the school has your current contact phone numbers and address on file. If your child is sick or injured we need to be able to contact the parents or an emergency person immediately.

A reminder also to please make sure the school has up to date medical details and care plans for your child e.g. Asthma/Allergies.

Student Banking

Students who have a Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite account are able to bring their deposit book along to the school on Tuesday morning. Deposits are processed at the school office and deposit books are returned to the student the same day. Students banking through the school will receive a token each time they bank and when they collect 10 tokens they can select a gift.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information for Parents who have a Healthcare Card or Pension Card

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school and will be used to pay for camps, excursions, or sporting activities for your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be \$125 for primary school students.

How to Apply

Application forms are available at the school office or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 28th June, 2019.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Breakfast Club

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a Breakfast Program at Caledonian Primary School. Breakfast Club will operate three mornings per week beginning Tuesday 26th February. The days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

We are calling on volunteers to assist in delivering this program. We will have two people rostered on each morning and the times will be from 8.15 to 8.45 am. The children will be able to attend breakfast club from 8.25 am. When the first bell rings students will be able to go straight to class from the Breakfast Club. All of our students are welcome to attend any of these days for breakfast, free of charge.

We would really appreciate having as many volunteers as possible for Tuesday and Thursday.

If you are available to help please let Geoff Dickson know by Monday 11th February.

2019 School Terms

Term 1 31st Jan – 5th April

Term 2 23rd April – 28 June

Term 3 15th July – 20th September

Term 4 7th October – 20th December



Brown Hill Playgroup @ Caledonian Primary School

All babies and preschool age children welcome!

Held every Wednesday morning 9am-11am at Caledonian Primary School, Multi-Purpose Room (Excluding school and public holidays).

Bring a piece of fruit to share and a gold coin donation.

Find us on Facebook.

Any questions? Contact Caledonian Primary School on 5332 6955.