



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

## Calendar

### February

<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Preps do not attend school
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions/Family Picnic Evening
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Preps do not attend school
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	House Colours Day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Assembly – 2.45pm
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Preps do not attend school
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Athletics Day at Llanberris Reserve
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council meeting 7pm

### March

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly – 2.45pm
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Labour Day Public Holiday
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee and Cake morning for parents
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Assembly – 2.45pm

### April

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Resilience Project Parent Information evening
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Assembly – 9am Last day of Term – 2.30pm dismissal

## APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to all the staff and students for a fantastic start to the 2019 school year.
- Thank you to Cindy for preparing the fresh produce from our veggie garden for the students.
- Thank you to the parents who organised “Tea and Tissues” on the first day of school for our Prep students.

Dear Families,

It was lovely to see so many families at our first assembly Friday afternoon. The Prep students have settled in so well and are taking on the routines and demands of school life very well so far. They did an amazing job of joining in at assembly.

## 2019 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our student leaders who received their badges at assembly on Friday. Well done to Angelo, Alexis, Jamieson and Jade who ran their first assembly. We are looking forward to working with the student leaders this year.



## Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions

Please remember to book in for the Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet sessions. These will be held on the **19<sup>th</sup> 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 are **now open**.

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.

## Coffee and Chat

Please join me in the staffroom for “Coffee and Cake” on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am. This morning is for parents and community members. It provides a forum to hear some thoughts, answer questions and collect feedback about CPS.

## Caledonian PS Enrolment Evening

This year we are holding an enrolment evening for prospective families on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. If you know of families interested in enrolling for 2020/2021 please get them to contact the office and register their attendance.

## Prep 2020 Come and Try Morning

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a **Come and Try morning** for 2020 Preps. This session will allow children to participate in some activities, get to know the Prep teachers and the school. We will be advertising these sessions at the local kinders. Please contact the office if you would be interested in attending.

## Uniform Policy

This year our updated uniform policy came into effect. Walking around the classrooms it is fantastic to see students in full school uniform.

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 tights 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 use the Compass management system to stay up to date with things happening at CPS.

### **Compass Sick Bay**

We will now be using Compass Sick Bay to record and inform parents/guardians of injuries/illnesses that occur during the school day. You will receive a text message notification that your child has attend first aid and a brief description of the complaint and associated treatment. For more information you can view Compass Chronicle on the Compass App or phone the school.

During the first few weeks of this term we will also send a letter home with students containing information of injury/illness and treatment.

Please note that for knocks/ bumps to the head we are required to phone parents/guardians to inform them of the injury.

### **Year Level Newsletters**

On Friday 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **House Colours Day**

Next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February students are asked to wear their respective house colours to school (blue, green, gold or red) to earn a point for their house prior to next week's Athletics Sports. Prep and new students will be informed of their team colours this week.

### **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.campastralia.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 1<sup>st</sup> April. We hope lots of members of the community can come along to this session.

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

I hope everyone has a great week 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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

#### **Closing Date**

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

For more information about the CSEF visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://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 26<sup>th</sup> February. The days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### **Brown Hill Local Area Plan Draft**

A copy of the Brown Hill Local Area plan is available for parents to sign out and borrow at the office.

### **Kid's Club is on this term!**

Kid's Club is a program run by the Brown Hill Uniting Church to which all Caledonian school children are invited. **Kid's Club will be on Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.20pm till 5pm** in the church hall on the corner of Humffray and Thompson streets.

We provide a nutritious afternoon tea; we play games, share a story and make stuff! We anticipate lots of wholesome fun and ask only for a gold coin donation and friendly enthusiasm in return! Please pick up a registration form from the school office. Parents are welcome to stay, visit, or make further enquiries, Louise 53331894 or Val 53315257.

### **Futsal Players needed**

The Caledonian X-Wings Futsal team are after some players for this season. No experience is necessary. Games are held at Woodmans Hill College on a Saturday afternoon. Please contact Brooke in the office if you are interested in playing.

### **Scholastic Bookclub**

Bookclub order forms have been sent home. If you wish to place an order for your child please fill in the order form and return it with payment to the school office by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Parents can also place orders online if this is easier. Orders will be delivered back to the school usually within 10 days. Scholastic order forms are sent home twice a term.



## 2019 School Terms

Term 1 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 5<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 28 June

Term 3 15<sup>th</sup> July – 20<sup>th</sup> September

Term 4 7<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Come along to the parent information night at Caledonian Primary School to learn more about methods to support mental health and wellbeing.

When: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019

Time: 7.00pm (90 minute presentation)

Where: Caledonian PS Multipurpose Room

[THERESILIENCEPROJECT.COM.AU](http://THERESILIENCEPROJECT.COM.AU)

\*Please note a TryBooking link will be available closer to the date to reserve your spot at this evening.

## Meet Our OSHC Team

The Educators managing the Outside School Hours Care at Caledonian Primary School are passionate and make sure they always provide a wide range of activities that engage all children each and every day at before and after school care.

They thoroughly enjoy what they do and take their roles very seriously. Grace is one such member of our team. Grace is the Program Coordinator, Navreet is our Assistant and Esther our Regional Manager has been working with Caledonian Primary School since October, 2018.

Grace is an experienced and qualified Educator with expertise in working with children in OSHC. As part of Grace's role as an Educator with Camp Australia, she has completed compulsory training in Active Supervision (VSHAPE), Child Protection and Camp Australia policies and procedures to ensure the service is safe and engaging for all children in their care.

Between the hours of 7-8.45am and 3.15-6pm, Grace can be seen chatting with the children who attend OSHC. Her favourite game or activity is playing outside, losing to the kids at board games, discussing the children's' days and group games such as fruit salad or midnight statues. If you haven't met Grace please feel free to pop in and visit our before or after school care program.

### Register and Book Now

To register and book your child in our program, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) and use the school finder on our homepage to search for Caledonian Primary School. To secure your child's spot, we always recommend making your bookings in advance.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia