



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

## Calendar

### February

<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council nominations open
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Preps do not attend school
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Athletics Day at Llanberris Reserve

### 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>	School Photos
	Assembly – 2.45pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council meeting 7:00pm

### 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 of the staff for organisation of Athletics Day
- Thank you to the parents for volunteering to the parents who assisted with the high jump last Friday.

Dear Families,

As we begin another week we are back in to the hot weather. It feels like the term has only just begun and already we are into week 5. Yesterday we were very lucky to work with Kathy Palmer a Numeracy Consultant. Kathy worked with a few staff on developing a plan for Numeracy at Caledonian Primary School. I look forward to updating you on this as we go along the journey.

### House Athletic Sports

As you know our House Athletic Sports are on this Thursday. With a forecast of 36 degrees we will be looking at a range of options to ensure participation of students is managed with the heat on the day. A separate note to the newsletter will be sent home today with further details on it.

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. **Please note students must supply their own sunscreen.** The canteen will be open for parents/guardians/friends. All students are asked to dress in their house colours. Parents and guardians are very welcome to come along and cheer on their children.

### **Resilience Project**

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 at 6.30pm.

Please use the trybooking link below to book a ticket for the evening. This is a free event for parents/carers. There will be a cost of \$20 for any community members who would like to come along. Please note this event has restricted numbers with seating in the multi purpose room. We anticipate that it will **book out**. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings are now open.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBDHC>

You can find further information about the Resilience Project at the link below.

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

### **School Council Elections**

Each year half the members of the School Council finish their two year tenure and their positions are up for election. A detailed information sheet and call for nominations for the 2019 vacancies was sent home today. Please take the time to read the information sheet carefully and seriously consider nominating for School Council. Nomination forms are attached to the letter and are also available at the office. You have until 4.00pm on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> March to get your nomination into the school. School Council meets about 8 times per year. **The first meeting will be on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> March.** Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

### **Literacy Visit**

Last week we hosted staff from Buangor Primary School who visited classrooms to see the work we have been doing in Reading. Kirsty Bull spoke with the visitors about the instructional model we use at CPS. The focus we have on Independent Reading and Classroom libraries and the impact these strategies have had on our students. This visit also allowed us to collect feedback on our classrooms. It was a very positive experience and a great celebration of the work the staff and students have been doing.

### **Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions and Family Picnic**

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Meet and Greet sessions and Family Picnic last Tuesday evening. It was lovely talking with so many of you and discussing what a positive start to the school year it has been. A big thank you to Harcourts Ballarat, Shane from Sovereign City Cleaners, Glen at Bakers Delight and the Brown Hill Lions Club for providing our BBQ. Also to Jodie from HippieWhippy who came along on the night.

### **Year Level Newsletters**

All students received a newsletter specific to their year level last Friday. This newsletter contained specific information about the teaching and learning, important dates and timetables for each class. We hope these were informative and support the home school partnership. If you have any feedback on the newsletters please don't hesitate to contact me.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club will begin next Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> March. Breakfast club is urgently seeking volunteers on Tuesday and Thursdays. If we are unable to get some more volunteers we may need to reduce the number of days the program runs for. Please contact Brooke or Geoff if you are able to assist.

### **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.

## **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/>

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)

### **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.

## **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.



WOODMANS HILL  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

## Information Evening Tuesday 5th March 2019

Information sessions followed by a school tour will be held at 6pm.

### Day Tours

Thursday 7th March — 9:45am  
Thursday 14th March — 9:45am  
Bookings Essential



Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264

*See learning as it occurs!*