



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

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

## Calendar

### March

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Coffee and Cake morning for parents
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	2020 Prep Information night
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Scholastic Book Club orders and payments due
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	School Photos Assembly – 2.45pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council meeting 7:00pm Hot Cross Bun Drive orders and payment due

### April

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Resilience Project Parent Information evening
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Final Assembly for Term 1- 2.30pm
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Hot Cross Bun Drive delivered
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 1 Late Stay and Grade 2 Sleepover
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of Term – 2.30pm dismissal

## APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the 3/4 cooking group students for lovely lunches.
- Thank you to the parents who volunteered at the House Athletic Sports

Dear Families,

After the long weekend this week, we are into the final few weeks of Term 1. It has gone so quickly with the students achieving so much this term. This term in Integrated Studies, staff and students have been exploring different aspects of wellbeing. To conclude this terms learning we have the Resilience Project talking with students on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. We will also be holding a Terrific Teams days on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. On this day students will work in multi age groups for some part of the day. We will also host an assembly to launch our School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix. We hope you can join us for the assembly at 2.30pm.

## House Athletic Sports

Thank you to all of the students and families who attended the House Athletic Sports on 28<sup>th</sup> February. It was a fantastic day and all the students and staff did an amazing job. We had some trying conditions with the heat, but all students gave it their best and had big smiles on their faces at the end of the day. There were a few cold icy poles enjoyed in the afternoon on the return to school. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day and to Jake and Sacha for the organisation of the day. Congratulations to Victoria House (Blue) for winning the day.



## 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 7.00pm. **Please note change in time.**

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. 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

Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected onto School Council this year:

- Linda Day
- Cameron McPherson
- Ange Davies
- Eloise Brown

The first School Council meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. This meeting includes the AGM at 7pm and is open to all families. It includes the presentation of the Annual Report. The Council meeting will then begin at 7.30pm.

## Coffee and Chat

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. The forum will also allow some planning around developing a Parents and Friends committee for 2019. We would like to find out more information around:

- Which families are interested in getting involved?
- Discuss options for fundraising and engagement for 2019

Please pop in for a coffee next Monday. I look forward to hearing the thoughts of the community.

## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will only run on Wednesdays until the end of term.

## **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**

It was great to see so many children here this morning for the **Come and Try morning** for 2020 Prep students. This session allowed children to participate in some activities, get to know the Prep teachers and the school. The children took away a participation certificate at the end of the session. There were lots of happy children who asked if they could stay at school for the rests of the day. Transition sessions for future prep students will begin in Oct/Nov this year.

## **Telstra Grant**

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a \$1,200 grant from Telstra. Telstra Kids helps kids thrive in their connected world. Our Telstra Kids grant will be used for the Energy Breakthrough teams to prepare for the 2019 events.

Huge thanks to Matthew Davies from Telstra, who is the referrer, for applying for the funding for us. We are very excited to share in the million dollars the Telstra Foundation provides each year to help kids connect to a digital future.

## **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.

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

## **TEACHER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS**

In the Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of learners across Victoria, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach.

The most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

The Victorian Government will continue to provide opportunities to develop professional, passionate teachers and principals and equip them with the right knowledge and skills for a modern classroom.

To ensure we support the learning and development of not only our students, but our teachers too; we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our teaching workforce.

## **WHAT are the professional practice days?**

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, teachers will receive one day per term when they are out of the classroom to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

## **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR CHILD**

Your child's teacher will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. Your child will directly benefit from these improvements in their daily learning.

On these days, an alternate teacher will be provided with the learning plan for the day and be well equipped to assist your child with their learning needs.

We are scheduling the professional practice days ahead of time so there is minimal impact to students and, where possible, there is consistency in teaching.

If you would like more information on the professional practice days and when they are planned, please contact feel free to contact me.

### **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/>

I hope everyone has a great week and I look forward to seeing you around the school soon.

Kind regards,

Brea Terris  
Principal

### **Student Leader Profiles**

Hello, my name is Jade, and I am one of the Vice Captains this year.

Some of the things you should know about me, is that I am eleven years old, and I will be twelve in May, my favourite colour is blue. I am very much a talker, and I'm very straight forward. I love to write, I also love sport, and STEM.

I have been here since prep, and I have had fantastic teachers the whole way through. My favourite thing about school is being able to see my friends, and make new ones, I love to be social, and I love to have a good laugh.

Throughout my whole life, I have loved to spend time with my family. My family and friends are the things that matter most to me, and that's why I love to spend my time with them, I cherish every moment that I have with my family and friends, they mean the world to me, and they help me so much, they support me through every decision that I choose to make, and they never put me down.

Thanks so much for reading a little bit of information about me, I hope you've learnt a little bit more about me that you might not have known before. Thanks!



My name is Jamison Prior and I will be one of your Vice captains for this year. I am 12 years old in April and my favourite colour is green. I was born in Perth, WA.

I came to Caledonian in grade three, and I was the shyest kid ever!

My friends are Jade, Abel and many more

I am very friendly and I don't bite... most of the time.

I first went to School in Bayswater. My school was Hillcrest P.S. My favourite subjects are P.E., Art, Reading and Writing.

Some other things that you should know about me are:

- I can draw pretty well.
- I am funny.

That's a little bit about me!

Thanks for reading



### The Newcomers to Caledonian Primary School School Captain Report

The other day we went down to the junior unit to interview the preps / 1s and asked them about what they thought of school. We asked them what they enjoyed about school, what they are learning and a lot of other questions.

The prep/ 1 really enjoy playing with their friends outside at recess and on the playground. They also enjoy playing with toys. At the playground and outside, they like to play tag/chase, hide and seek, duck duck goose and mums and dads. They also play a game in class called Terminator. Terminator is not like the movie (if you were wondering). It is where your teacher rolls a dice 2 times, and whoever gets the answer correct first wins!

We asked the preps/1 what their favourite subject was and why. They said Maths, because they like to problem solve, writing because they get to write and make up stories and Letters and sounds where they learn new words or letters. They also said P.E.

They are reading lots of books such as, Birds, Knights and Dragons. They like to read funny books, picture books and a book called The Gumboy Family. Plus they have learnt 1 authors name already, Dr. Seuss.

In prep they are learning new interesting things that they didn't know. Like new letters. The letters in their names and how to spell them, which they are enjoying. They're also learning to read and how to do addition in maths.

We asked them whether they liked school or Kinder and they said school, with 2 big thumbs up. The prep/ 1s are really enjoying their first and second year of school, getting to make new friends and learning new interesting things.

By Alexis and Angelo

### **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.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 2 has been sent home with students. Orders and payments should be returned to the office by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

## **CPS Hot Cross Bun Drive**

Order forms for the CPS Hot Cross Bun Drive will be sent home with students tomorrow. CPS have teamed up with Bakers Delight Bakery Hill. For each 6 pack of hot cross buns sold, Bakers Delight will donate \$2 to CPS. Orders and payment due Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and delivery will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## **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

**THE RESILIENCE PROJECT.COM.AU**

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



## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Monday 8th of April to Thursday 18th of April 2019**

(excluding weekends & public holidays)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$40 (+ GST) per day (\$35 + GST per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au)

Any queries call or text Paul on 0423 335 616