



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 18th June, 2019

Calendar

June

Friday 21st – Baker's Delight lunch

Monday 24th – Mid-Year Reports uploaded onto Compass

Warm Milo Day

Tuesday 25th – Parent Teacher Interviews – **Students dismissed at 12.30pm**

Friday 28th – Last day of Term 2 – **Early Dismissal at 2.30pm**

July

Monday 15th First Day of term 3

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the parents and community members who helped out with the warm milo day.
- Thank you to everyone who donated towards the 5c challenge.

Dear Families,

I was very fortunate to attend the Education State Leadership Conference on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June. The conference was based around excellence in Education. I got to spend some time with colleagues from across the state, listening to international speakers discuss current initiatives in education. It was very reaffirming for me that CPS is in a great place on the school improvement journey. We have a wonderful staff here who are always striving for the best for all students.

Reports/Parent Teacher Conferences

Last week an email went home to families with information regarding Parent Teacher conferences. This year we have a slight change in structure with our interviews to allow more time for conversations with families and teachers. Reports will be uploaded onto the Compass Portal on Monday 24th June. After reading your child's reports the staff of Caledonian Primary School would like to invite you and your child to Parent Teacher conferences on **Tuesday 25th June**. Bookings can be made on Compass. This year students will be dismissed at school from 12.30pm to **allow students to attend the interviews with parents/carers**. This is very important to ensure students

are part of the conversation about their learning. Camp Australia are in the process of setting up an early roll for that day. Please contact Grace for further information.

Traffic Safety

As the weather gets colder of a morning we have noticed that many student are being dropped off in areas that make it unsafe for them as they enter the school. Please ensure you park in the correct spots to complete drop off and pick up. Please note parents are not to drop students off in the staff car park and students are not to walk through the staff car park due to moving vehicles. The School Council is engaging with Local Council to support the upgrade of roads and footpaths for families coming to school each day.

Camp Quality

We have been very fortunate to get Camp Quality at the school to perform their puppet show. There is more information at the end of the newsletter in regards to what they do during their visit. Families will be updated via Compass on the dates when they will be visiting.

Warm Milo Days

Next Monday 24th June the School Captains will be offering warm Milo and a marshmallow to all students from the Multi for a gold coin donation.

Students who would like a Milo next Monday will need to bring a mug to use. Thank you to the parents and community members who are supporting us with this initiative.

Leave

We would like to wish Mr Prockter safe travels on his trip to Europe next week. Chris will be on leave for the last week of term and will return in Term 3. His parent teacher conferences will be available on Compass in the coming days. They will be held in Week Two.

Fundraising

We raised \$827.05 during the month of May for the 5c challenge. This is a fantastic result for the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the challenge. We will be purchasing books with the funds for the library space in Pelican Place.

Uniform Policy

Caledonian Primary School requires all students to be dressed in our school uniform. **Please note all students are required to be wearing black shoes by the start of Term 3.** The exception to this is black or blue gum boots in the winter months. If from the start of term students do not have the correct shoes on parents will be contacted to see what support the school can offer.

A uniform dress code fosters a sense of pride within each student, for themselves and for the school. A uniform allows students to recognise themselves as part of a wider school community. It provides means of identification and helps to ensure the safety of our students, in the schoolyard and in transit to and from the school.

Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Please note that school beanies can be purchased from our uniform suppliers. The policy also states the following around coats, socks, shoes and hair accessories:

- Socks – Socks should be black, white or grey and non-branded. No socks over tights
- Coats – These should be Navy blue or Black. No fluoro coloured coats
- Hair accessories need to be in school colours.
- 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. If parents need support with uniform please don't hesitate to contact Geoff or myself.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions, must apply in writing to the Principal.

Infectious Diseases

As we get into the cooler months it is important to remember if students are unwell it is advised that they are kept home till the symptoms cease.

Schools have a legal responsibility to help manage infectious diseases in their facilities. We also have an important role to play in supporting the prevention and control of transmission of infectious diseases through:

- abiding by legislated requirements for school exclusion, infectious disease notification and immunisation status recording
- supporting the personal hygiene routines of students, for example, provision of hand hygiene facilities
- ensuring procedures are in place to safely manage the handling of spills of blood and other body fluids or substances.

There are a number of members in the community who are vulnerable to infectious diseases so we ask families to support us with this and keep children who are unwell at home.

Curriculum Days

In 2019 we have two curriculum days remaining. They will be held on Friday 2nd August and Thursday 7th November. Both of these days will be used to focus on the School Review.

Student Photos on Facebook

Our school takes great pride in sharing our various student activities on Facebook. We receive great feedback from our parents and the wider community however we understand that not all parents are happy to have their child's photo on social media. If you **do not** wish your child's photo to be placed on Facebook please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can update our records. Thank you.

Volunteers

We are seeking some volunteers who would like to visit the school over lunch play from 1.45-2.15 and read with students. Often students like to come into Pelican Place and browse for books and participate in some quiet reading. If you are interested in volunteering please let Brooke or Pam in the office know. We are hoping to start off with the library open 3 days a week during Term Three.

2020 Prep Enrolments

Do you have a child starting Prep in 2020? Our enrolments are open, so please pop past the office and collect an enrolment pack to secure your child's enrolment at Caledonian Primary for 2020. Our Prep classes fill fast, so please act now. We will be beginning transition activities during Term 4. School Tours can be organised through the office.

Kind regards,
Brea Terris
Principal

Students Arriving Late

In the morning our bell rings at 8:45 and then again at 8:50am. Students should enter the school on the first bell and be in their classroom ready to commence their day's work by the second bell (8:50am). Students who arrive late to class disrupt the class, interrupt the teacher's lesson and miss out on important information given out first thing in the morning. Students arriving late are recorded on Compass and this information is passed onto the Department of Education. We understand that sometimes it is not possible to get your child to school on time but we urge you to make a concerted effort to ensure your child is at school by 8:45am.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths are running Earn and Learn again this year. You can collect stickers when you shop at Woolworths between 1/5/2019 until 8/7/2019. These stickers can be dropped into the box at the office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning starting this week in the multi-purpose room from 8:30am. All students are welcome to come along.

School Council Profiles

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Name: Eloise Brown

Parent of: Heidi L., grade Prep

A bit about you: I am currently an at home mum with previous lives as a community/youth worker, Thai translator and outback governess. I love reading, socialising and am a novice gardener. I have a strong interest in novelty birthday cakes.

What you love about Caledonian Primary

School: The sense of community at Caledonian is fantastic. The teachers are so approachable and dedicated, the parents so friendly and welcoming. I love the fruit trees, the chooks and the vegie garden.

Come and chat to me about: Op-shopping, gardening tips and book recommendations.



Name: Cam McPherson

Parent of: Finnean (Grade 2) and Jeremiah (Grade 1)

A bit about you: I was born in Kyneton but grew up in Griffith. I've done a bit of travel both overseas and around Australia and been lucky enough to live and work in places like Margaret River, Broome, the Napa Valley, Dublin and Austria. I used to make wine for a living but now I make beer for fun. I love hanging out with my family and we spend a lot of time exploring Black Hill, riding bikes or kicking the Footy.

What you love about Caledonian Primary

School: Caledonian is a great school because of the great teachers, staff and some truly excellent students who will hopefully go on to do great things.

Come and chat to me about: Homebrew beer, bad Dad jokes or any of the woeful sporting sides I follow which includes the Australian Cricket side, the Blues (in State of Origin), the Wallabies, the Melbourne Rebels, Wests Tigers or the Bombers.



Name: Melissa Watts

Parent of: James (grade 2) and Henry (Prep)

A bit about you: I have a background in the corporate world but my real love is writing. I am currently completing a PhD - researching and writing a novel about the women who were making top-secret maps for Australia's war effort in WWII. When I'm not writing you'll find me trying to beat my kids at Uno and staring competitions.

What you love about Caledonian Primary

School: I love the sense of community at the school - every teacher knows every student and is always ready with a smile and a cheery 'hello'. I also love buying the school grown veggies before assembly!

Come and chat to me about: Amazing things your Nanna did, minimalism, slow living and JOMO (the joy of missing out).

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.



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 4th, 11th and 18th June, 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.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 1st of July to Friday the 12th of July 2019

(excluding weekends)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$45 (+ GST) per day (\$35 + GST per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au

Any queries call or text Paul on 0423 335 616



Hi parents and carers!

We're writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child's school.

Camp Quality is Australia's most trusted children's charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner" - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and aid classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/how-we-help/at-school. You're also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at Kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.