



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Calendar

May

Friday 10th - Mother's Day Stall

Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th - NAPLAN for students in Year 3 and 5

Friday 17th - Grade 6 Transition packs due back to office

Soup Special Lunch

Monday 20th – Friday 24th – Education Week

Thursday 23rd – Dress up day – Careers

Tuesday 21st - Bakers Delight Special Lunch orders and payment due back

Wednesday 22nd - Spud Drive order forms and payment due back

Friday 24th - Spuds delivered

Bakers Delight Special Lunch

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the Trigg Family who have generously donated 1 tonne of spuds for our spud drive. The Triggs have also donated the pumpkins for our Special Soup lunch.

Dear Families,

As we are at the beginning of May, we are starting to feel the cooler weather creep in. There have been some chilly mornings over the past few days, after being spoilt with such nice weather so late in the year. As it starts to get cooler please refer back to the Uniform policy around what students can wear in the winter.

Caledonian Primary School requires all students to be dressed in our school uniform. 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 fluro 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 Fluro 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.

By the start of Term 3 all students are required to be wearing black shoes. 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.

School Review

It is a very exciting year for CPS with a School Review happening in Term 4. This allows the staff to celebrate achievements and discuss areas for improvement for the following four years. At the end of last term I received an email ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) congratulating the school as we demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading.

This is a huge celebration for the work staff have been undertaking in reading. This information is on the My School Website. If you would like further information about this please don't hesitate to pop in and see me. Caledonian Primary School prides its self with having a big focus on improving student outcomes and providing the best educational outcomes for students.

See our school zone online

The Department has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online.

Findmyschool.vic.gov.au launched on 24th April and shows every school zone across the state. The new website highlights the choice of public schools available to the Victorian community. If your child is preparing to enter Year 7 and you want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try findmyschool.vic.gov.au today

If you have a question about the website, contact the Victorian School building Authority Hotline on 1800 896 950 or email vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au

Year Level Newsletters

Next week all students will receive a Term Two 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 provides information about what your child is focusing on at school and further develop the home school relationship.

Family Engagement Sub Committee

Thank you to the families who attended the Family Engagement Sub Committee. There are lots of fundraisers happening in May which will directly impact the students with more books for the classrooms and library space. If any families are interested in being on the subcommittee please speak with Sarah or pop in and see me.

Cross Country

Good luck to the students who are off to Cross Country tomorrow. We know that you will do CPS proud with your efforts.

Education Week

This year at CPS we will be celebrating Education Week. 2019 is the 75th year of Education Week and it aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

Education Week 2019 is all about celebrating careers and pathways that will make your dream job come true. It is an opportunity for schools, TAFEs and Tech Schools to showcase the work they are doing to support students in their career pathways. The week will raise awareness of career education and the new Transforming Career Education reforms.

On Thursday 23rd May we will be hosting a dress up day. The students will be asked to dress up as the job they want in the future. We are hoping parents will come into school that week and discuss with students the job they currently do. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you are interested in doing this.

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.

News from Tribal Council

Our school has been invited to participate in a fundraiser for the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute. We will be joining several other school across Ballarat in holding a Crazy Hair Day on **10th May** to support this cause. Students are encouraged to come along with crazy Hair to show their support. We are asking that each student bring along a gold coin donation on the day. Tribal Council will collect the gold coins on the day.

Online fundraising pages have also been set up for each of the schools participating so families can donate to the fundraiser online. Visit www.fecri.org.au and follow the links. Each schools page has a \$\$\$ counter. Click on the Crazy Hair day link, then click on our school logo to donate.

In addition to the fundraiser wrist bands are available for purchase at the school office at a cost of \$2 each. Thank you for supporting this great cause.

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 Two.

Kind regards,
Brea Terris
Principal

School Council Report

My name is Melissa Watts and I am the Caledonian Primary School, School Council President. As President I will be providing regular updates regarding the progress of school council activities and announcements. Throughout the year I will also provide profiles of the councillors so you can put a face to the name and come and say hello when you see us at the school gate or school events. We are always happy to hear any comments or feedback you may have.

The role of school council is to:

- establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- participate in the development, monitoring and endorsement of the School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan
- approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- develop, review or update school policies as required by law or DET policy
- raise funds for school-related purposes
- maintain the school's grounds and buildings
- report annually to the school community and to the Department

It is made up of:

Staff Members- Brea Terris, Geoff Dickson, Karren Jennings (Secretary), Chris Prockter, Nicole Lawlor.

Parent Members- Melissa Watts (President), Adam McNicol (Vice President), Ross Barnes (Treasurer) Brett Leech, Linda Day, Angela Davies, Eloise Brown and Cameron McPherson.

Community Members - Sarah Greenwood-Smith (Brown Hill Progress Association – Community member) and Melanie Tolliday (Community member)

This month school council were thrilled to hear that Caledonian Primary school has been congratulated by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority for demonstrating **substantially above average gain in reading results**. Student gain shows the average change in results for students who have taken consecutive NAPLAN tests at the same school. According to the My School website, 'student gain is a way to measure the impact the school has had on student progress. That is, when the background of students is similar across schools, it is more likely that any differences in gain made by schools are related to the **teaching and learning capabilities of the school**.' This is exceptional news for the school. The School Council is proud to acknowledge the hard work of the teachers in this area and encourage parents to view the data online via: <https://www.myschool.edu.au/school/45190/naplan/studentgain>

This year we have four sub-committees within the school council. These are Education and Policy, Finance, Building and Grounds and Family Engagement and Fundraising. Sub-Committees are open to all members of the school community and we welcome anyone who would like to be involved to let us know. Please contact Brea if you have any questions regarding the sub-committees.

Melissa Watts
School Council President

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.

Tree Drive

We are again conducting our tree drive. Order forms have been sent home today and must be returned with payment by Friday 31st May. Trees will be delivered to the school next term. Extra order forms are available from the school office.

Grade 6 Transition Packs

Grade 6 Transition Packs were sent home with students Friday. Please fill them in and return them to the office by Friday 17th May.

Mothers Day Stall

The Family Engagement Sub Committee will be running a Mothers Day stall on Friday 10th May. Students can bring along a maximum of \$5 to purchase a gift for mum, which will be wrapped and sent home with students.

State School Relief

Prep parents with a valid health care card are eligible for the State Schools Relief assistance which includes uniform. You will receive an information pack to fill in and return to the school.

5 Cent Challenge

Is on again this year. From the 1st May until the 31st May students can collect 5 cent pieces and donate them to the school. Each class will have a designated container to collect them. This fundraiser was a huge success last year. The class that raises the most money will win a special lunch.

Special Soup Lunch

On Friday 17th May our Parent Engagement Committee and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden will be offering students pumpkin soup and a bread roll for lunch. There is no cost involved. The pumpkins have been generously grown and donated by the Trigg family, we thank them very much for their generosity.

Bakers Delight Special Lunch

On Friday the 24th May we will be having a Bakers Delight Special Lunch. Order forms will go home the week before and will be due back with payment by Tuesday 21st May.

Potato Drive

We will be running the potato drive again this year. The potatoes have been generously donated by the Trigg family. Potatoes will be delivered, weighed and ready for collection on Friday 24th May. Orders and payment are due back to the office by Wednesday 22nd May. Extra order forms are available from the office.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be 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.

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.

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.