



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 22nd 2019

Calendar

May

Monday 20th – Friday 24th – Education Week

Thursday 23rd – Dress up day – Careers

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

Friday 24th - Bakers Delight Special Lunch

Tuesday 28th – School Council 6.30pm

Friday 31st – Potato orders delivered to school

June

Monday 10th – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to families who helped at the Mother's Day stall.
- Thank you to the students who made a gold coin donation to Crazy Hair Day fundraiser.
- Well done to the Year 3 and 5 students who completed NAPLAN last week.
- Thank you the students, staff and families who helped making pumpkin soup for all the classes last week.
- Thank you to the staff and families who supported our cross country runners. Well done to all of the students who participated.

Dear Families,

This week we celebrate Education Week at Caledonian Primary School. It is a chance for the community to reflect on the fantastic work we do to ensure students are reaching their fullest potential in all areas. This

year we have been focussing on improving student outcomes in maths and reading whilst looking at how we can support students with building social and emotional learning. 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. Tomorrow we have our dress up day and students are asked to dress up as someone in a job they would like to do in the future. There will be an assembly at 9am and I hope families can join us for this celebration.

NAPLAN

Last week our Year 3 and 5 students sat the NAPLAN tests. This year we completed the tests on paper. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. We know that all students did a great job and tried their personal best.

Uniform Policy

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.

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

Awards

Congratulations to the students who received the Blue Light Disco Police Awards last week. It is wonderful to be able to celebrate such achievements at assembly.



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.

Attitude to School Survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Year 4 to 6, at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school next week.

The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

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.

Sub Committees

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 me if you have any questions regarding the sub-committees.

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

5/6 Camp

Notes have gone home today to families in year 5/6 with information in regards to camp. The total cost of camp is \$300. Families can pay the remainder of the balance at the office.

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. **These forms were due on Friday 17th May.**

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.

Bakers Delight Special Lunch

On Friday the 24th May we will be having a Bakers Delight Special Lunch.

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 31st 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 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.

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.



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.

Community Afternoon

at Brown Hill Church Hall
Friday 21st June 1.30 pm



Stress Management

Katrina Bevelander from
Ballarat Community Health

will speak about the impacts that stress has on the mind and body

Followed by afternoon tea

All Welcome

Enquiries, call Barb 0409 812470

