



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 22nd 2019

Calendar

June

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th – Grade 5/6 Camp

Thursday 6th- Scholastic Book Club orders and payment due

Monday 10th – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 24th – Reports uploaded onto Compass

Tuesday 25th – Parent Teacher Interviews

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

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the Trigg Family for the donation of potatoes.
- Thank you to the students and parents who supported the warm Milo fundraiser.

Dear Families,

Our 5/6 campers arrived safely at Camp Wuyna yesterday. They have been having a great time by all reports and it looks like the weather is improving for them today. Yesterday the students went bike riding, made pizzas and visited the Marine Discovery Centre. Today is jam packed with more exciting activities. We will update Compass with an estimated arrival time tomorrow.

Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews

As we head into the final weeks of Term Two teachers are preparing mid year reports for students. Student reports provide students, teachers and parents with a clear and concise picture of a student's achievement and progress at a point in time. It is a carefully considered process that requires teachers to make informed and consistent decisions about student progress. Teacher judgement is informed through the application of numerous evidence-based sources of data from pre and post testing of topics, classroom observations, student participation and completed work. Schools are required to report against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards and to locate each student on a continuum of their learning. Student reports reflect achievement at a point in time for each student's learning. Learning occurs incrementally along the learning continuum

however, the rate and pace of learning is not fixed or constant. **This year 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 Interviews on **Tuesday 25th June.** Booking can be made on Compass from 9am on Tuesday 11th June.

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.

Warm Milo Days

Next Tuesday 11th June the School Captains will be offering warm Milo and a marshmallow to all students from the Multi for a gold coin donation. On the last warm Milo day we raised over \$100 to support one of our students who is currently unwell.

Students who would like a Milo next Tuesday will need to bring a mug to use.

Thank you to the parents who are supporting us with this initiative.

State Education Conference

For the remainder of this week I am attending the State Education Conference with many other Principals from across the state. This is an exciting opportunity to learn from and engage with local and international expert practitioners.

Fundraising

We are currently tallying up the final fundraising money from the 5c challenge, potato drive and tree drive. When we have a final figure we will let everyone know. Thank you for the support in providing books and an oven for the SAKG program.

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.

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.

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.

Education Week

Thank you to all the families who came along for our Education Week celebration. It was great to see so many students dressed up in the job they aspire to do in the future. The parade was wonderful to watch with a whole school dance off at the end of the assembly.

Kind regards,
Brea Terris
Principal

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 organised through the office.

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

A reminder that Monday 10th June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. We hope that all families enjoy the extra day at home.

School Photos

Our school photos from Arthur Reed have been delivered and sent home today. If you have not received photos please check with the office to see if they are there. Grade 5/6 photos are at the office if parents wish to collect these. If you have any issues with your photos please contact Arthur Reed Photography Customer Service.

School Council News

This month's school council meeting was filled with new initiatives from the various sub-committees. The Family Engagement and Fundraising sub-committee has been working hard with the Mother's Day stall, 5c challenge, Baker's Delight lunch, Pumpkin Soup day, Spud drive and Tree drive. You would have all received a form for the Business and Organisations Directory that the committee is setting up as well.

Education and Policy subcommittee have been looking at current policies and making sure that they are up to date and reflect best practice.

The Buildings and Grounds subcommittee are still focusing on the girls toilets upgrades. There have been difficulties with engaging contractors to do the work so the upgrades are yet to commence but certainly have not been forgotten about. This committee has also been exploring options to reduce some of the muddy areas in the yard and engaging some help within the veggie gardens. A whiteboard has been installed in the shipping container within the veggie garden for any parents or friends who would like to help out but don't know where to start. The Buildings and Grounds subcommittee has also been looking at some long term projects including a masterplan for the grounds and a library space. More information on these initiatives will be available in the

coming months including a chance for members of the school community to provide ideas and feedback.

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.

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.

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

School Council Profile



Name: Adam McNicol

Parent of: Stevie (grade 3) and Lydia (grade 1)

A bit about you: I grew up on a wheat and sheep farm near Manangatang in the Mallee, spent a number of years living in Melbourne and have lived in Ballarat for the past decade. I am a passionate Richmond supporter but, funnily enough, work at the Collingwood footy club, where I'm the Head of Digital Content.

I also have a publishing business called Ten Bag Press and am a board member of the Manangatang Racing Club. And I love waterskiing in the summer.

What you love about Caledonian Primary School: I love the passion and skill of the teachers, who do an amazing job making their classes engaging and fun. I also love the real sense of community that exists among so many of the people connected to the school.

Come and chat to me about: The fortunes of your favourite footy team. Or the antics of Eddie McGuire.

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



With only 4 weeks until school holidays, it's time to get them sorted!

Come on a journey with **Wonders of the World!**

This Winter we're getting creative, innovative and active as we bring to you heaps of brand-new and exclusive activities to Holiday Club.

In **Planet Protectors** we'll learn about sustainability and how to recycle old paper into cool and colourful paper. Then head outside for recycling games – sporty & fun!

All around the world, in street markets, historical sites and museums, we see amazing clay work from years gone by. In **Clay Bazaar** we'll roll, mould and shape our very own clay creations. From world bowls to trinkets and everything in between.



Book now. To find out when these activities are on during the school holidays and join in the fun, visit: www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs.

You can also call our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at **Wonders of the World**.

The Camp Australia Team

To find locations near you and to book, visit www.campastralia.com.au/holidayclubs