



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 23rd July, 2019

Calendar

July

Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th 3/4 Camp

Wednesday 24th –Thursday 25th - Dental Van here

Thursday 25th – 1/2 Mini Beast Incursion

Thursday 25th – Family Engagement Subcommittee – All community members are welcome to attend.

Friday 26th – Education and Policy Subcommittee

Tuesday 30th – School Council

August

August 2nd - Curriculum Day

September

Wednesday 4th - School Concert

Thursday 12th - Parent Feedback session for Review Process 9am - 10am

Tuesday 17th - Parent Feedback session for Review Process 6pm – 7pm

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the staff for all the work they did organising Science Week.

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a relaxing break away from the regular school routines. It is so wonderful to see the students straight back into their learning. We had such a great start to the term with Science Week. Thank you to all the staff, especially Jaimee Mathieson for organising the week. The student feedback about the week was very positive. Terrific Teams day and the 5/6 excursion sounded like highlights. Science is an important part of our curriculum with all teachers' planning and teaching engaging science

lessons each week. This includes STEM which gives the students a wide range of opportunities to engage in this area of the curriculum.

Welcome to our new students and families who have started this term at CPS.

Staffing

At the end of last term Kirsty Bull was returning to Caledonian Primary School to take STEM. Over the holidays Kirsty has been successful in obtaining a position at Hopetoun PS. Congratulations to Kirsty on her new role after completing a term at Yaapeet as the Acting Principal. Simon Jinks is currently working in the STEM role. We welcome Simon to Caledonian Primary School.

I will send a newsletter home next week which will have details for my replacement whilst I am acting in a Senior Education Improvement Leader role for 5 weeks.

School Concert

The CPS School Concert is taking place on **Wednesday September 4th**. This will be at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre commencing at 7pm sharp. Tickets will be on sale at the school office from 9am on Monday 19th August. Cost is \$10.00 per seat. Tickets must be purchased prior to the night as we do not have any door sales on the night. All students from Prep to Grade 6 will be presenting an act on the evening.

Save the Date

CPS Trivia night is back in 2019! The trivia night will be held on Friday 15th November in the multi. Tickets will sell fast this year after such a successful night in 2018. Please get your friends together, lock in the date to enjoy a fun night!

If you know of any organisations that could make donations of prizes please contact Brooke in the office.

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. Please note students are not required at school on these days.

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 this. From next week families will be sent home letters if students are not in the correct shoes.

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 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. 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.

Parent Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

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.

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.

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.



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

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 3, can you believe how quickly this year has flown by? We are ready to kick start an even bigger and better second half of the year working within your school community. We know how busy yet fulfilling being a parent can be, and we want you to know we are here to help make your life a little easier.

This Term, we will be celebrating **National Science Week**. This event is about generating curiosity around technology and science in the world we live in today. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on all the fun, we suggest making your bookings in advance. You can visit our friendly staff at your service to find out more information on what they will have planned for National Science Week.

Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it is FREE to register.

To attend our care, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy, visit www.mygov.com.au to find out more.

Program Details

For more information about our [program and fees at your school](#), [visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators](#). Alternatively, you may visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au or contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

Camp Australia