



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 6th August, 2019

Calendar

August

Friday 9th – Assembly

19th- 23rd Book Week

Friday 23rd – Book Character Dress Up Day. Parade and Assembly at 9.00

Friday 23rd – Bakers Delight Special Lunch

September

Tuesday 3rd – Pie Drive orders and payment due

Wednesday 4th - School Concert

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

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

Wednesday 18th – Pie Drive Orders Delivered

Friday 20th – Hot Pie Special Lunch

Friday 20th – Last Day of Term 3, Students dismissed at 2.30 pm

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the Trigg family for making the wonderful Harvest Stand

Dear Families,

Brea has now moved into the acting SEIL role for the next 5 weeks. Whilst she is away I will be replacing her as acting Principal. The acting assistant principals for this period will be Prue Morrison (Monday) Sacha Giurietto (Tuesday-Friday). Ebony Pane will be teaching Prue Morrisons grade on a Monday.

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.

We will be running a School Concert Raffle, tickets will be sent home the week before the concert for students to sell, tickets will also be available for purchase in the foyer at the performing arts centre prior to the start of the concert. Prizes will be drawn at the end of the concert. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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!

We are currently sourcing donations for prizes, if you know of any organisations that could make donations of prizes please contact Brooke in the office.

Assembly and Newsletters

We will be having assembly on Friday 9th August and then Newsletters in week 5, 7 and 9.

Curriculum Days

In 2019 we have one curriculum day remaining. This will be Thursday 7th November. This day will be used to focus on the School Review. Please note students are not required at school on this day.

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 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. 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,
Geoff Dickson
Acting Principal

Head Lice

Please ensure you regularly check your child/ren for live head lice and eggs. If your child/ren have live head lice they need to be treated with a Head Lice product before returning to school. If your child/ren has live lice at school they will be sent home.

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 days 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.

School Council Update

Last week School Council met and there was a strong focus on both policies and grounds maintenance. Parents will be aware that the Curriculum Day on Friday was to allow the teaching staff time to prepare for the Department of Education School Review. This happens once every four years and our review is in term four. School Council have been assisting with this by reviewing current policies.

From a maintenance point of view, we have several outstanding projects that we are working towards. The upgrade of the girls' toilets has been a progressive issue. While we completed the fundraising for the upgrade last year, we have had issues engaging contractors to complete the work. The plumbing and drainage issues around the junior buildings is also a focus. Again, this is bigger than we initially thought. We thank the school community for their patience on both issues and assure you that we are working hard to get a result.

We are happy to report that a new oven has been installed for the kitchen garden program and that some well-needed painting and maintenance to the original heritage building will be undertaken in the next school holidays, in accordance with the heritage overlay.

School Council was also pleased to be given an update on how well the students are working within the Resilience Project and School Wide Positive Behaviour Matrix. Well done to the students for positively embracing this change.

Finally, good luck to Brea who is acting as a Senior Education Improvement Leader. We look forward to making use of her insights when she returns in 5 weeks.

Melissa Watts

School Council President.



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.

Pie Drive

Pie Drive order forms have gone home with students today. Orders and payment are due back to the office by Tuesday 3rd September. Orders will be delivered on Wednesday 18th September. Unfortunately we cannot accept any late orders.

100 Days of School

Last Thursday our Prep students celebrated 100 days at school. To celebrate this important milestone they came to school dressed as 100 year olds. They made "100 Day Smarter" crowns and counted 100 objects by grouping them in tens.

Some very creative writing was produced on the day:

"If I had \$100 I would buy a claw robot." –Deegan

"If I had \$100 I would buy beyblades." –Kaiden M.

"If I had \$100 I would buy a computer, a horse and an iPhone." –Antanas

"If I had \$100 I would buy a big snake." –Jack

"If I had \$100 I would pick a cat and buy a cell phone." –Molly

"If I had \$100 I would buy a present for Ms Terris." –Henry

Teddy Bear's Hospital

Last Wednesday our Prep students and their teddies had a wonderful time learning about health care environments and medical treatments in a fun and interactive way. Afterwards, the Prep students talked and wrote about some of the things they did and learnt.

"There was an ambulance for teddy bears." –Will B.

"My teddy bear got his teeth checked." – Vincent

"I am taking my teddy to the Teddy Hospital." –Thomas

"Here comes Kermit." –Charlie

"My teddy went to the Teddy hospital because my teddy was sick and it couldn't get more sick." –Zari

"My teddy is at the teddy hospital and I like this part about my teddy; my teddy went in the ambulance." – Matilda

"Today on Wednesday, I went to the Teddy Bear's Hospital." –Levi

"I fixed Tigy's leg and we went to the teddy bear hospital." –Stella

"I liked pumping my teddy's leg up." –Lachlan

"Today Teddy learnt how to eat the food." –Kaiden D.

"On Wednesday I put a bandage on Lizzie's leg and a cast. And I also checked Lizzie's teeth and Lizzie's blood pressure. I put Lizzie on the ambulance." –Heidi L.

"The teddies got pulled around in the little ambulance." –Max

"My teddy went in the ambulance." –Layla

"I went to the Teddy Bear's Hospital." –Lakyn

"My teddy is going to the hospital." –Trinity

Children's Book Week

"Reading is my Secret Power" is this year's theme.

To celebrate children's Book Week, a wonderful week of learning has been planned for our students. It kicks off on Monday 19th August where a fun and engaging Terrific Teams Day has been planned. Each day a special reading activity will be undertaken by the whole school. To wrap up Book Week we invite the students to dress up as their favourite book character.

Below is an overview of the week.

DATE	DESCRIPTION
MONDAY 19 TH AUGUST	TERRIFIC TEAMS STUDENTS WORK IN MULTI-AGE GROUPS TEACHERS WILL READ THEIR FAVOURITE STORY BOOK AND STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE A BOOK RELATED ACTIVITY.
Tuesday 20 th August	BUDDY READING STUDENTS WILL READ WITH A BUDDY FROM ANOTHER CLASS.
Wednesday 21 st August	ILLUSTRATORS DAY STUDENTS BRING THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK TO SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● REDESIGN A BOOK COVER● CREATE A POSTER OF YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK● DESIGN A POSTER FOR "READING IS MY SECRET POWER"
Thursday 22 nd August	SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME AT 10.40AM ALL CLASSES WILL WATCH AND LISTEN TO A VIDEO OF MR D. READING A STORY
Friday 23 rd August	BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP AND PARADE CHILDREN AND STAFF DRESS AS THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER



Brown Hill Cricket Club



Season 2019 / 2020



To all Parents,

The Brown Hill Cricket Club wish to continue there association again this coming cricket season with the Caledonian Primary School by once again providing an opportunity for all Grade 5 & 6 children to play cricket for the school each Wednesday evening. Brown Hill Cricket Club will make available to all new players both a cap and playing top for those children wishing to participate.

The team will train each Tuesday evening 4.30pm at the Brown Hill Reserve and play each Wednesday evening against other schools and cricket club associated teams. Training and games won't start until the month of October 2019.

He BHCC would appreciate any assistance from a parent or parents with coaching and supervising of the team and will if required provide the each parent with the opportunity to do a level 1 cricket coaching course at the clubs expense.

Please contact either Jake Clark at the school or myself, Phillip Knowles if you are able to assist in any way possible.

Thank you

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