



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 18th December, 2019

Calendar

December	Friday 20 th – Last Day of Term students dismissed at 1.30 pm
January	Thursday 23 rd - Book and student material pack collection 9 am- 1 pm Friday 24 th - Book and student material pack collection 9 am- 12.30 pm Monday 27 th - Australia Day Public Holiday Tuesday 28 th - Staff return and attend Professional Development Wednesday 29 th – Years 1-6 return to school and prep interviews begin
February	Monday 3 rd – Prep first full day of school

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the parent engagement committee for organising the graduation.
- Thank you to the Brown Hill Lions Club and Brown Hill Uniting Church for the awards they presented at assembly.
- Thank you to the School Council for their contribution throughout the year.
- Thank you to Chris and Barry for keeping our community safe while crossing the roads.

To the school community,

I find it amusing that two weeks ago I was wearing my heavy winter coat and now summer has hit us very hard! In the case of extreme weather we have plans in place to ensure children are safe, warm or cool. In rain we stay inside, the same goes for extreme heat and wind. Weather is unavoidable – keeping kids safe is not.

The end of the year is always wonderful and a little sad. We say goodbye to an amazing group of grade 6 students as well as school staff, yet it is exciting as we welcome new members to our community, children prepare to enter new grades and the summer holiday period approaches!

This year we have most teachers remaining in their current year level with the exception of Ms Darcie Bleicher entering 1-2 and Mr Vagg heading to 5-6. Changes to our specialist programs will mean Music and Chinese will be making a comeback (almost like a John Farnham “last time” tour that seemed to happen more than once) while PE and Art will continue.

Prep Ms Tunbridge

1-2 Mr Proctor, Ms Bleicher, Ms Kate

3-4 Ms Lawlor, Ms Jennings, Ms Dorian

5-6 Mr Vagg, Ms Mathieson, Ms Morrison

Specialists Ms Gleeson (Music) Mr Jinks (PE), Ms Micich (Art), Ms Dent (Chinese)

On Monday we held our Year 6 Graduation dinner at the Bungaree Recreation Reserve. The kids looked fantastic and very grown up, mature and ready for secondary school. Then, towards the end, they kicked off their shoes and played on the oval and were transformed into the little kids they were only a few short years ago. It was truly delightful to see them all playing I am sure there were a few tears from parents and friends who attended. I would like to thank the 5-6 team for putting the evening together as well as our School Council President Melissa Watts who spoke beautifully on the challenges and joys of growing up and facing change.

At our final assembly we received some brilliant news. Our local member Julianna Addison announced additional government funding to ensure our student toilets can be upgraded to a high standard. Since arriving at Caledonian I have heard from parents, staff and students that the toilets have been a concern for some time, I can assure you that thanks to the School Council and the State Government that this issue will be resolved as soon as possible!

Finally I can say it has been a wonderful term. It has been a pleasure getting to know you all and be part of a thriving school community. I would like to thank the staff for their energy and enthusiasm and for the manner in which they care for every student. I would like to thank the parents and community members for their participation and engagement with the school, helping in many ways to make Caledonian PS a wonderful place to learn. I'd especially like to acknowledge and thank Pam Thacker who retires this week for over 30 years of service to Caledonian PS!

However most importantly I would like to thank the students for being the most wonderful group of children who have been incredibly welcoming, it has been fantastic getting to know you all!

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best in 2020!

Ben Moody

Last Day of term

Students will be dismissed on **Friday 20th December at 1.30pm**. Please ensure students are collect promptly at this time.

Free Dress

Students are welcome to come in casual clothing on the last day of term, Friday 20th. Students are still required to wear tops which cover shoulders and closed toe shoes, as we are a Sun Smart School.

Country Bus Service

The country bus service will resume on Thursday 30th January.

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.

No Hat No Play

As we are a Sun Smart School students must wear a hat whenever they are outside at school during term 4 and Term 1. Students must have a **school wide brimmed hat**; please do not send along peak caps. Hats are available from Lowes or Beleza.

Book and Student Material Pack Collection

Families can collect book and student material packs from the school on-
Thursday 23rd January 9 am – 1 pm
Friday 24th January 9 am – 12.30 pm
Cash and EFTPOS accepted.

Bell Times 2020

Bell times will remain the same for 2020

First bell- 8.45 am

Second bell- 8.50 am

Recess- 11 am – 11.30 am

Lunch Eat- 12.30 pm – 12.45 pm

Afternoon Recess- 1.45 pm – 2.15 pm

Students dismissed- 3.15 pm

Uniform

Caledonian Primary School requires all students to be dressed in our school uniform. A copy of our school uniform policy can be found on Compass, the school website or the school office.

Art Smocks

Ms Q will be sending home student art smocks today and tomorrow for a clean. Please ensure you send them back next year!



**Apex Xmas Trees
School Special**

30th November to 21st December

Weekdays: 15:00-18:00

Weekends: 10:00 – 16:00

Abattoir St (Off Gillies St Sth, Near SES building)

Nominate your School, for the school to receive \$5 from tree sale.



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.

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