



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

## Calendar

- October**
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>- Finance Sub Committee 2.30 pm
  - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Swimming commences
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>- Grade 1/2 excursion to Sovereign Hill
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>- Education Sub Committee 6 pm
  - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>- School Council 6.30 pm
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Assembly 2.45 pm
  - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Bakers Delight Lunch
  - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Brown Hill Festival 5.30 – 7 pm
- November**
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day
  - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Ballarat Show Day Holiday
  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup>- Trivia Night

## APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the families who came and helped beautify our school over the holidays.

Hello.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I have been appointed as Acting Principal here at Caledonian and I must say from my initial observations you have made a fantastic choice in school for your children. Through my career I have worked in a number of schools and as a Principal I have also visited many more, and never have I met a more welcoming group of students. When visiting classes the children have been curious, polite and in some cases have let me know how things work at Caledonian! On my first day at playtime all the students said, "Hi" and we have had chats about my Little Pony, How to train your Dragon, how to kick a football (not one of my skills) and favourite books. One lovely young person though I was the mayor of Ballarat which was quite a compliment!

One thing parents often don't see is classes in operation. I have spent my first few days observing in classes to get an understanding of the "Caledonian Way" and can certainly confirm the teaching staff here are fantastic. The manner in which they plan and prepare learning is exemplary and without question they are incredibly dedicated.

Again I can confirm you have made a wonderful choice of school for your children.

I have been a Principal Class officer for about 8 years. I began in this role at Urquhart Park PS and most recently have been the Principal at Avoca PS. Some years ago I completed a Masters in Educational Leadership at the University of Melbourne and have worked in every class year level and as a specialist Performing Arts Teacher.

I have never taught PE and cannot kick a football- in fact when helping at Auskick I generally get placed with the preschool kids as that is my skill level. At home I have 2 daughters, one in grade 3 and another in grade 6. I am not coping with puberty and would appreciate any guidance you may have in managing a 12 year old daughter who knows everything and storms off to her room.

Please say hello, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

Have a great week and I am reliably informed that assembly is next week.

Ben Moody

Acting Principal

### **CPS Trivia Night**

Tickets on sale now!

CPS Trivia night is back in 2019! The trivia night will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November in the multi-purpose room. 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! The trivia night is being ran by Trivia with a Twist. **Tickets are now on sale at the office, \$20 per person.** The evening will be held at school in the multipurpose room. There will be a bar onsite to purchase drinks and lots of games and activities to participate in. Just bring along some snacks and your best trivia knowledge! It will be a great evening with lots of prizes to win. Thank you to all the business who have donated prizes for the evening!

### **Curriculum Days**

In 2019 we have one Curriculum Day remaining. This will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please note students are not required at school on this day.

### **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.

### **Students Arriving Late to School**

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.

### **Website**

We are currently making some changes/upgrades to the CPS website. You will now find a calendar, the newsletter and other information under the 'News' tab.

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons commence this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Payment for swimming is now due. Students will need to bring the following items for swimming- Bathers, thongs/sandals, towel and a plastic bag/water proof bag for wet items.

A copy of the swimming timetable has been uploaded onto Compass.

Swimming is part of the Victorian Curriculum and an expectation that all students participate.

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will commence Week 2, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. A roster will be sent out this week to those volunteers who have previously assisted with the program. If you are unable to do the volunteering please let Geoff know as soon as possible. We do not have the services of the accounting firm this term to assist with the program. We would appreciate some more volunteers from our school community. If you can assist please let Geoff/Brooke know by Thursday morning.

### **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.

Any student without a hat from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> will have to sit in a shaded place whilst outside.



### **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.

# BROWN HILL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2019



The award-winning Brown Hill Community Festival is a free family-friendly event.

**5 to 7.30pm Friday 25 October**

Brown Hill Recreation Reserve, Humffray Street North

The Brown Hill Community Festival is a Brown Hill Progress Association event



## GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Activities by AFL Goldfields, Western Bulldogs, Brown Hill Cricket Club, Girl Guides and Waterwatch Victoria. Some activities may request a gold coin donation.

Ballarat and Glen Park CFA Fire Trucks (weather permitting)

Performances by children from Brown Hill Kindergarten and Caledonian Primary School.

Performances by Sing Australia, the Ballarat Highland Dancers and the Federation University Pipe Band.

Local community group displays including The Hidden Orchard, Ballarat Wholefoods Collective, Ballarat East Community Men's Shed, Eureka Mums, Ballarat Toy Library, Ballarat Community Health, City of Ballarat Emergency Management, Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group parkrun Ballarat and more!

To keep up-to-date with the Brown Hill Community Festival:

Email

[festival@brownhill.vic.au](mailto:festival@brownhill.vic.au)

Web

[brownhill.vic.au](http://brownhill.vic.au)



Brown Hill Community Festival



## FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Sausage Sizzle

Pancakes

Drinks

Brown Hill Lions Club

Brown Hill Uniting Church

Brown Hill Kindergarten

Food vans and a coffee cart  
(BYO cup to save 50c on a hot drink)  
BYO water and a picnic rug

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Oct and 5th Nov, 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 0407 893468 or Val 53315257.

## Energy Breakthrough

Energy Breakthrough is well on its way with teams announced!

Thank you to the following businesses for sponsoring and supporting Caledonian Primary School with Energy Breakthrough, we appreciate your support.

Thank you to Braden Shanker for once again helping us out with the cart.

