



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019

## Calendar

<b>October</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Bakers Delight Lunch
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Brown Hill Festival 5.30 – 7 pm
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> – EB training day at Haddon
<b>November</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Ballarat Show Day Holiday
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair
	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Prep Ecolinc excursion
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Trivia Night
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Energy Breakthrough

## APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the Brekkie Club volunteers.

To the School Community,

Home reading. Reading at home with the kids. I am not a fan, it always seems that as soon as I start cooking dinner the home reading books come out! Some of the books are just terrible, and I am now going through Harry Potter for a second time! It was worse a few years ago when I had to sit with each of my children 1-1 and try to be patient and supportive, helping them sound out words, ask comprehension questions and pretend to be interested in rather one dimensional characters. To tell the truth there were a few occasions when I became less than a perfect, calm individual becoming frustrated when my girls couldn't remember simple words like "the".

And yet, it makes more difference to our children's learning development than almost anything else we can do as parents.

If you take an interest in your child's books, they will gain a strong sense that reading is important. This can happen a few ways and includes reading with your child, reading to your child and listening to reading. Listening to reading is the thing we are probably most familiar with. Our kids have a book that is not too challenging and they can read independently with maybe a couple of tricky words they may need help with. These books have simple stories and characters and are designed to assist in the development of reading capabilities.

Reading with your child means a book that may be a little too tricky to read alone. Often for younger children this may be a picture story book or a "fact" book. I know there are a number of kids here in the junior grades that love crystals and rocks (I have dubbed them the rockers which they seem quite proud of) and much of the content is quite hard. These types of books can be read together with adult support.

Reading to your child is something that we sometimes overlook. Particularly once our kids start reading independently. Novels have far more complex stories and for developing readers can be simply too hard. Yet if you share a novel at bedtime the conversations about character motivation, plot development and making predictions about what could come next can be rich and stimulating for your children!

I would encourage every parent or carer to take a little time each week to read to your children- a book that is beyond their own ability to read. This provides a motivation to improve, supports the development of deeper comprehension and gives your child a little special 1-1 time that they will always remember.

And try to be patient, learning to read takes time!

Swimming is going "swimmingly"! Last week I spent a significant amount of time at the pool helping where I could. The kids were having a fantastic time and the organisation for over 200 students in the pool was impeccable. I did discover however that there are a lot of students in prep and grade 1 who are not great at getting dressed. Maybe a little practice at home for independent dressing?

A number of kids are heading off to Sommers camp for 9 days and we hope they have a wonderful time and look forward to their return.

Have a great 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.** There will be a bar onsite to purchase drinks and lots of games and activities to participate in. Just bring along some snacks or order a delicious grazing box from Vegas and Rose (order forms at the office) which will be delivered waiting for you on the night 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!

### **Brown Hill Festival Reminder**

Our school is performing at the Brown Hill Festival this Friday.

We are performing at 6:15pm. Students are asked to meet the teachers in the Brown Hill Hall at 6pm. Parents are then asked to collect your child/ren from the stage area following the performance.

The whole school (Prep-6) will sing 'Celebration' from the concert and 1/2K will perform their Shrek dance. You are welcome to invite family and friends to come along and watch.

All students will need to wear full school uniform (including black school shoes) on the night. 1/2K students are the only exception to this; they will be wearing their concert costumes.

## **Assembly**

Please note that due to swimming assembly will be held at 9am every second Friday, the next one being Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

## **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 be 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 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **School Council Update**

Last week school council met and had our first meeting with our new Acting Principal Ben Moody. It was great to hear of his experiences as a Principal over the years and we welcome him to Caledonian for term 4. As you read this the Education Department review of our school will be underway. This is a chance to create a four year plan for the school as well as ensure that all of our policies are up to date. As each policy is reviewed or updated they will be put onto the Caledonian PS website and available at the front office for viewing for anyone unable to view online.

The Family Engagement and Fundraising committee are working hard towards the Trivia Night, welcoming of 2020 prep students and planning grade six graduation - making term 4 a very busy place at Caledonian. The Buildings and Grounds sub-committee would like to thank all of the students and parents who were invited to fill in a grounds survey - we will be using the feedback in our planning for term 4, 2020 and beyond. Also a big thank you to the volunteers who helped renew the garden beds over the holidays. Also, Barry our crossing guard (aka Lollipop Man) has asked me to remind those of us using the Water Street carpark to always remember to keep an eye out towards the school gate as we drive through. Sometimes students dart across the carpark to get to Barry as he holds up traffic on Water Street so drivers need to be vigilant, particularly at pick up time.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We are once again hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Book Fair will be set up in Pelican Place and will run from 8.30 am – 8.45 am and 3.15 pm – 3.30 pm for the week.



### **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.

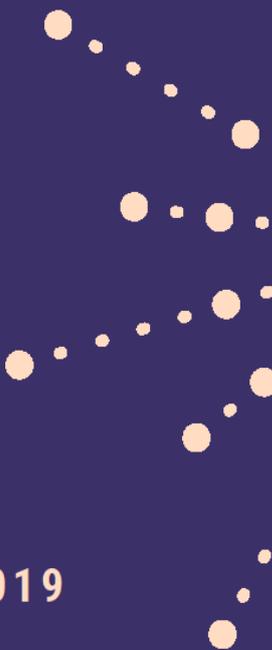
## **Kid's Club is on this term!**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Oct and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

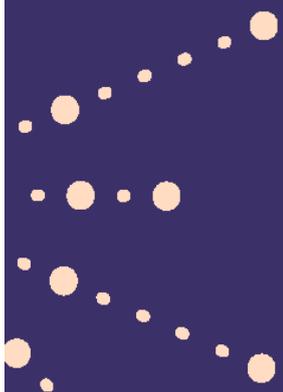
# CPS TRIVIA NIGHT



CALEDONIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15TH • 7PM  
TICKETS \$20

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW



# 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

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Web

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



Brown Hill  
Community Festival

The logo for Brown Hill Progress Association, featuring the words 'brown hill' in a lowercase, sans-serif font with a green leaf icon above the 'i' in 'hill'. Below 'brown hill' is the text 'progressassociation' in a smaller, lowercase font.  
brown hill  
progressassociation



## 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

## 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.

