



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 3rd December, 2019

Calendar

December

Friday 6th – Parent Engagement Committee Meeting 9 am – 10 am All Welcome

Tuesday 10th – School Council 6 pm

Wednesday 11th – Volunteer Morning Tea

Thursday 12th – SAKG Lunch Day

Monday 16th – Grade 6 Graduation

Tuesday 17th – Final Assembly 9 am

Wednesday 18th – Grade 6 Ringing of the Bell 2.50 pm

Friday 20th – Last Day of Term students dismissed at 1.30 pm

APPRECIATIONS

- Thank you to the parents and staff who helped with Energy Breakthrough
- Many thanks to the Brekkie Club volunteers for their assistance throughout the year

To the school community,

This week I would like to acknowledge the Education Support staff at Caledonian PS. ES (or teacher aides) they are the backbone of any school. They perform some of the most challenging duties, caring for students with unique needs, administration of first aid and maintaining special programs like the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Not to mention working the office administering the financial elements and ensuring the office is a welcoming place for parents.

At Caledonian the Education Support staff are dedicated, caring and patient members of our community and deserve our appreciation. Every day they arrive with a smile to support all elements of the teaching and learning programs in our school and I want to thank them for all they do! If you have a child who receives support a thankyou would always be appreciated!

In coming weeks we have a bit on. This will be our second last newsletter for the year and our next assembly will be in the last week of term, Tuesday 17th at 9am. Also in the last week our grade 6 students will participate in their graduation ceremony, the whole school will head to the movies, students will be spending up on all their Dojo points and the “ringing of the bell” ceremony will remind the local community what a real school bell sounds like!

The day to day business of school continues. Children are still reading, doing maths, writing and specialist subjects. As I pop into every room I can see student learning continues as normal and I would encourage everyone to attend every day- you can all have a few weeks off over Christmas!

Finally I would like to thank the parents who brought their children out to energy breakthrough. They survived howling winds, scorching temperatures and even bushfires to make sure their kids got a chance to be part of the whole EB experience. The students themselves were amazing, representing Caledonian with excellence in presentation, sportsmanship and perseverance.

Please enjoy the final weeks of the term! Get the Christmas shopping done and hopefully we will all be a little warmer soon!

Ben

Water Safety Week

This week is Water Safety Week at Swim and Survival. Students are asked to leave their goggles at home this week and bring along an old t-shirt to wear over their bathers. Please see attached letter for more information.

2020 Grade 6 Jumpers

Jumpers for 2020 Grade 6 students can be ordered and paid for at Beleza up until Friday 13th December. Due to manufacturing times we need to have the cut-off date to ensure students will have their jumpers in time for the colder weather.

Home Reading Books

Could all home reading books please be returned to the classrooms on Friday 6th December.

We would like you to encourage your child to continue to read books at home over the holidays.

Thank you for supporting our home reading program this year. Most students have read consistently at home throughout the year. Congratulations to those students!

Assembly

The final assembly for 2019 will be on Tuesday 17th December at 9 am. Students can wear **one** Christmas related item for example a Santa hat, reindeer antlers etc. (Please note- students are required in full school uniform)

Student Medications

If students require medication during school time, parents/guardians must come into the office and complete a Medication Authority form. All medication must be in its original packaging with the pharmacy label attached.

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 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.

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 14th will have to sit in a shaded place whilst outside.

Energy Breakthrough

During Week 7, the students in EB headed to Maryborough to compete in the Energy Breakthrough competition.

We had two teams entered in the competition: John Valves (49) and Pedders Suspension and Brakes (50). In the race, John Vales came 24th and Pedders came 83rd, out of 93 teams!

Before the students could get the carts on the track, they had to do a presentation in front of judges and go through scrutineering, where they were asked questions about the design of the cart and the rules of the race. Both teams did a fabulous job in their presentations and should be proud of the commitment they demonstrated leading up to the presentation.

During the event, all of the students demonstrated a high level of teamwork and sportsmanship as well as resilience.

We would like to thank all of the sponsors who donated to this program - without them we would not be able to participate in this amazing experience.

We would also like to thank all of the parents and guardians who assisted with the event, they certainly helped in making the event run smoothly.

Finally, a huge thank you and congratulations to all of the students who were involved. It is a massive commitment and they should be very proud of the way they represented Caledonian Primary School.





SWIM & SURVIVAL ACADEMY

The Learn to Swim and Survival Professionals

WATER SAFETY SESSION (Friday 6th of December) – CLOTHES REQUIRED

Dear Parents,

The Education Department released a new curriculum for all Victorian schools which included Health and Physical Education as a key learning area. Within this curriculum there is an even greater focus on developing movement skills and concepts required by students to participate in physical activities with competence and confidence.

This term your child has participated in our 'Learn to Swim Program' at Swim and Survival Academy. Throughout the program your child has gained an increased knowledge, understanding and experience necessary to survive in any aquatic environment.

On Friday 6th of December students will take part in a number of Water Safety activities. We cover the following areas during the session:-

- Safety rules in and around water
- Safe water entries and exits
- How to wear PFD's
- How to use floating objects to help them get to the edge
- How to tread and dog paddle clothed
- How to signal for help and assistance
- What to do if someone is drowning
- How to use objects to save a person from drowning
- Lifesaving tows (both aided and unaided)
- Identifying and then what to do if you are caught in currents and undertows and what to do to survive
- All the lifesaving strokes (for advanced swimmers)

We aim to give all students the best survival skills possible.

As part of this week, students are encouraged to wear a cotton T-shirt and pair of cotton shorts over their bathers and to leave their goggles at home. This way they can experience what it feels like if they accidentally fall into water.

If you have any questions at all about your child's swimming experience with Swim and Survival Academy, please do not hesitate to contact our Schools Coordinators on 5339 9911.

Kind Regards

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Learn to Swim - Brown Hill Pool

The program is a low cost, 5 day intensive summer program teaching swimming and water safety to children from 4 years of age. Each program consists of 5 x 30 minute lessons starting at the same time each day throughout the week.

From \$15
per child

Week 1 - January 6th - 10th 2020 8:45am-12pm

Week 2 - January 13th - 17th 2020 8:45am-12pm

**Bookings close
Friday 29 November
2019**

Book online at:

<https://www.brownhill.vic.au/swimming-pool/>



**Apex Xmas Trees
School Special**

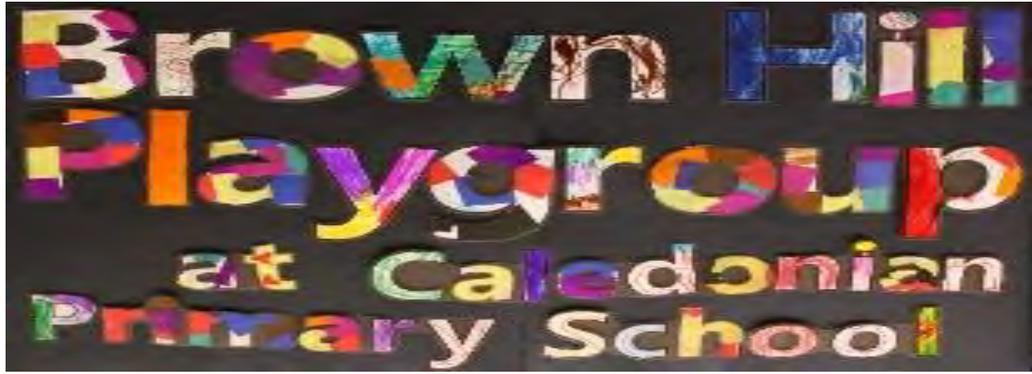
30th November to 21st December

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.