



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

## Calendar

- February**
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>- Preps do not attend school
  - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>- Finance Sub Committee Meeting 2.30 pm
  - Friday 7<sup>th</sup>- Parent Engagement Committee Meeting 9 am
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>- Education and Policy Sub Committee Meeting 9 am
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>- Facilities Sub Committee Meeting 5.30 pm
  - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>- School Council 6.30 pm
  - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>- Preps do not attend school
  - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>- Assembly 2.50 pm
  - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>- Preps do not attend school
  - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>- School Working Bee 9 am – 11 am
  - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>- Open Classrooms and Harvest Picnic
  - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>- Preps do not attend school
- March**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>- School Cross Country
  - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>- Preps do not attend school
  - Monday 9<sup>th</sup>- Labour Day Public Holiday- Students do not attend school
  - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>- School Athletic Sports at Llanberris
  - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>- School Photos

To The School Community,

Welcome to 2020! I must admit if I had heard the words, "I'm bored" or "I'm hungry" again from my children over the holidays I was going to move out!

It has been a wonderful beginning and I would like to again thank the parents and students for being incredibly welcoming. Our students have jumped straight into learning, picking good fit books to read, getting started on their readers notebooks, picking up from where they left off in mathematics and this week will be engaged in Art, Music, PE and Chinese.

Our prep students are lovely and very ready for school! On one of my visits I was informed they were doing "calculations" and that they have already started with learning letters and sounds (specifically S). I also popped into a 1-2 classroom where a grade 1 student announced she was "getting the diagraph" for the day! I nearly had to google "diagraph" to remember what they are! David Walliams books continue to be a hit in the grade 3 and 4 classrooms, along with "Nevermoor" and Horrible Histories (Horrible Histories is one of my favourite ABC shows). Our new school leaders are getting used to routines and I am sure the gates will be open on time!

This year we welcome Darcie Bleicher to our 1-2 team and the return of both Heather Dent (Chinese) and Ann Gleeson (Music). Additionally Simon Jinks is taking over in PE and he has already started making some plans for increasing participation in sports. Our specialist team will be working through the year to ensure every child gets a chance to achieve success in an area of high interest. There is even talk of a choir and art club getting started in coming weeks!

This term we are holding a Cross Country event as well as our Athletics Carnival. These coincide with the district level events which are both early this year. Athletics Carnival will be held as normal on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March however our Cross Country will change this year. Previously we have held a "time trial" but in 2020 we are going to hold a house event, organise a new shield and include students from grade 1-6. Mr Jinks is planning an afternoon event with a shortened distance for 1-2 students and 2.5-3Km race for 3-6s. This is a pretty exciting addition to our sporting calendar and I am reliably informed Ms Mathieson is planning to take on the grade 6s over 3kms!

On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding an open afternoon which will provide an opportunity to catch up with your class teacher or our specialist teachers for a conversation regarding any concerns or issues that may have arisen over the holiday break and students will also have the chance to show you around their classroom. Running simultaneously will be the Harvest Picnic coordinated by our Engagement and Fundraising committee. Activities, food and entertainment will all be provided. This will be a great chance to catch up with parents and staff and let the kids have a play and an early dinner before taking them home, hosing them down and putting them to bed!

Again welcome back, we are going to have a cracker of a year!

Ben

### **Mobile Phones and Wearable Devices**

In 2019 the Premier announced a ban on mobile phones in schools. At Caledonian we have developed a Mobile Phone Policy that is consistent with DET expectations. The policy requires any phone to be handed to a teacher at the beginning of the day for secure storage and that wearable devices with internet capability are not to be worn (an example of a wearable device would be an apple watch). This policy is consistent across all schools in the state and is fully implemented this year. A copy of the full policy is available and will be uploaded to the school website.

## **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.

## **Annual privacy reminder**

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

## **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

Children arriving after 9 am must collect a late pass from the office.

## **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 the school website or the school office.

## **Brekkie Club Volunteers**

Brekkie Club will run on Tuesday and Thursday in Term 1 and we need volunteers. If you can spare a morning to help please let Sally or Geoff know ASAP.

## **CSEF**

If you have a Health Care or Pension card, you are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Application forms are available at the office. Closing date for applications is the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020. If you received CSEF in 2019 and your circumstances have not changed then you will automatically be rolled over to 2020.

## **CPS Family Engagement and Fundraising (FE&F)**

There are lots of great opportunities to get involved with and support our great school in Term One. We ran a successful 'Tea and Tissues' morning tea on Monday for the families of our CPS Prep 2020 children. Such a big day after many months of anticipation around starting school. Thanks to Cindy for baking some delicious scones (and to Mrs Tunbridge for being wonderful with the Prep students). It was great to see many of the parents getting to know each other - and there were no tears reported!

## Key Dates

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 9.00 am - 9.45 am: Family Engagement and Fundraising subcommittee meeting, Staff Room. All welcome.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 9.00 am - 11.00 am: Working Bee. Volunteers needed.

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 3.30 pm - 6.30 pm: CPS Harvest Welcome Afternoon including free BBQ. All welcome and volunteers needed.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Bulb Drive orders and payments due back to school.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March: CPS Cross Country, Russell Square. Volunteers needed.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: CPS Athletic Sports, Llanberris Stadium. Volunteers needed.

## Activities

### Family Engagement and Fundraising (FE&F) subcommittee meeting

Everyone is invited to come along on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 9.00 am to find out about the FE&F subcommittee (which is a subcommittee of the CPS School Council). We will be planning activities for Term One and discussing ideas for Term Two. Children welcome.

### Bulb Drive

Next week, all families will receive an order form from Bulbs Direct Fundraising. Through this form you can purchase colourful bulbs for your garden. Families will also have the option of donating bulbs to the school for planting in our school grounds. This is a great fundraiser to pass around to your extended family, friends, neighbours and/or work colleagues to help raise money for our school. Orders and payment are due by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### Working Bee

In preparation for our Harvest Welcome Afternoon, we invite everyone to come and help out on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 9.00 am until 11.00 am, to spruce up the school grounds. We will be weeding, spreading soil, sweeping and several other jobs. Feel free to bring any tools/wheelbarrows too.

### Harvest Welcome Afternoon

Our school has a fabulous veggie garden and we want to celebrate it! Please put Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March in your diaries so you can get involved in the Harvest Welcome Afternoon. Teachers will be available in their classrooms between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm to have a chat. Your children will also be able to show you their work and around their classrooms.

From 4.00 pm, there will be activities around the school including creating a scarecrow for the school veggie garden, planting produce, a treasure trail, a recipe exchange, giant Jenga and more. Fresh fruit and veggies from the school garden and donated to the school will be available to purchase. From 4.30pm, there will also be snacks prepared by students (popcorn and apple slinkies) for a gold coin donation and a BBQ provided free of charge. We even have some musically talented community members who are going to play some tunes for us! It will be an afternoon not to be missed. Please bring your own water bottle.

\* If your garden is overflowing with produce/plant cuttings and you would like to donate some to this event, please contact Susan: [smileysueez\\_9@hotmail.com](mailto:smileysueez_9@hotmail.com)

\* Please let Susan know if you can volunteer on the night: [smileysueez\\_9@hotmail.com](mailto:smileysueez_9@hotmail.com)

\* If you have a great recipe to share, please email it to Aimee Knight: [adrianaimeeknight@bigpond.com](mailto:adrianaimeeknight@bigpond.com)

\* An invitation and more details will come out with the next newsletter (Tuesday 18th February)

### Cross Country and Athletics

Volunteers will be needed for the Cross Country on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March and the Athletic Sports on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. If you are available and have your Working With Children Check, please let Sarah know: [sgreenwoodsmith@fastmail.com](mailto:sgreenwoodsmith@fastmail.com).

### Baker's Delight Lunch and Hot Cross Bun packing

We will have one Baker's Delight lunch this term (on a Wednesday, date TBC) and a Hot Cross Bun drive later in the term (for delivery in the last week of term). If you are interested in volunteering to help pack for either of these activities and have your Working With Children Check, please contact Sarah: [sgreenwoodsmith@fastmail.com](mailto:sgreenwoodsmith@fastmail.com).

### Volunteering

All volunteers at CPS are required to have their Working With Children Check (WWCC). They are free of charge to obtain. If you need help to organise a WWCC, please contact the front office.

Sarah Greenwood-Smith

CPS Family Engagement and Fundraising Subcommittee

[sgreenwoodsmith@fastmail.com](mailto:sgreenwoodsmith@fastmail.com)



### **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.

