



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

## Calendar

**May** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Prep to two resume on-sight learning

**June** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 3-6 staff will not be available on-line, learning will still be provided

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Public holiday Queens's birthday

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 3-6 students resume on-sight learning

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Tree drive

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Term 2 ends students dismissed at 2.30pm

To the School Community,

Although freezing, I think this morning was one of the best mornings I have had in ages! Seeing our students coming through the Water St. gate was a fantastic moment. I didn't realise how dull a school is without kids!

This morning I also couldn't help but sit in the Junior building and listen to the kids excitedly chatting and without a moment's hesitation they jumped straight back into their routines. The incredible resilience our children display should be an inspiration to us all, and it could also be a little sad that as they grow up they become so much more independent, they really don't need us as much as we wish they did!

For the foreseeable future we will continue to unlock gates in the morning to supervise entry to the school. This also means your children will be greeted by an adult at the gate and if necessary we can walk them in. Although I didn't see anyone feeling anxious this morning, I just saw kids skipping in and very excited to be back with their friends!

Our teaching staff have prepared for the final weeks of the semester with a mix of normal academic learning and have also worked to plan wellbeing sessions. This last few months have been unique and in some cases a little scary so we will be taking measures to support children in their return to the "normal" world. Going by how they were at playtime I am pretty confident they are fine... but we want to make sure they are fine!

As a result of the long time off site our student reports will be different this semester.

As always you will receive a report for your child outlining the work in Semester 1, 2020. The report may look different, however, as it is not possible to implement our standard report writing process.

We have received advice from the Department of Education and Training regarding modifications to the Semester One reporting that takes into account the limitations on the ability of teachers to accurately assess student progress during the remote learning period.

As a result of this advice, teachers at our school will

- not be providing a 5 point scale for curriculum areas (ie A to E)
- be available for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report by phone in term 3

The report comment on student achievement will be limited to

- a description of the areas of the Victorian Curriculum F-10 taught
- a brief descriptive assessment of student learning achievement, based on the Achievement Standards in the Victorian Curriculum F-10 from the classroom teacher
- a comment on how the student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment

The end of semester 2 report in December will have a more informed and accurate assessment of your child's progress against the Victorian Curriculum.

### **Energy Breakthrough**

This is becoming one of the great questions of 2020. We are currently reviewing our participation in the Energy Breakthrough Challenge in 2020 and at this stage I am not confident we will be able to go ahead. By the current guidelines we have from the Department of Ed and Training our participation in the 2020 Energy Breakthrough is clearly not allowed! As the investment in the program is in excess of \$10-15,000 annually, which we may not get back if the event is cancelled, we will need to make a decision very soon!

Finally this week I want to thank the families of Prep, 1 and 2 families for the incredible support we saw this morning. The new normal is different, it's weird and doesn't sit that well with me. Having to keep parents off the grounds doesn't feel right at all.

But we have to. So thank you for your help and for following the rules!

Have a great week!

Ben

**Tree Drive**

Tree Drive we will be running the tree drive again this year, order forms will be available on compass and on the websight as of tomorrow order forms and payment will be due by the 19<sup>th</sup> of June

**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 at the school office.

**No Publish to Media**

If you do not wish for us to use your child's name and images as part of media and advertising for the school, please contact the office and let us know.

**Students Medications**

Please send all student medications in with students as they return to onsite learning. This includes Ventolin and spacers and Epipens.

**Essential Student Learning Materials**

Please ensure you send all essential learning materials back to school with students as they return to onsite learning. This includes books, pencil cases, chrome books and iPad's.

**Year 7 Transition Placement Forms**

Are due this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. All grade 6 students are required to submit a placement form regardless of which school they will be attending. Completed forms can be returned via email or dropped into the office.

