



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 9th June, 2020

Calendar

- June**
- Friday 19th Tree drive orders and payment due back
 - Friday 26th Term 2 ends students dismissed at 2.30pm

To the Caledonian Community,

Today our school is a completely real school again and I am not sure who was more excited, the kids or the teachers! Having our 3-6 students back on site means we are starting to feel like normal. The way in which they came in, clean and fresh was almost like the start of the term. Only it's going to be a very short term as we are back only for 2 and a half more weeks... but I can confirm the holidays will not include remote learning, they will be actual holidays and you will not have to be teachers as well as parents!

Prep to 2 kids are really settling back in now and over the next few weeks we will have a much clearer understanding of how they have gone. Our focus has been on making sure our youngest students are cared for, but they have astonished us with their resilience and positivity. I certainly wouldn't have predicted it would be this easy for them! That said, we are continuing to direct energies into returning students to a routine. Following such a destabilised time, wellbeing and sense of calm can be somewhat compromised. Staff have prepared for this and will be monitoring the kids closely and providing additional wellbeing sessions to ensure they are supported.

I must remind parents that our "Kiss and Drop" at the gates is part of our new "covid normal". We also ask that you make a judgement on which gate is most appropriate for you to use. We have not needed to set up staggered drop off and pick up times as we have multiple access points and we believe we can avoid congestion at gates, but this does depend on all of us doing the right thing to keep everyone safe.

Finally, all Chromebooks, iPads and "dongles" need to be returned to school. With the conclusion of remote learning we are all back on site and the devices must be accounted for on the Department of Education school asset register. Within the next week or so dongles will be deactivated however the device itself can be repurposed here.

Have a lovely week, we got the kids!

Ben

Unwell Students

If students are unwell with cold/flu like symptoms please keep them at home until they are well again. If students become unwell during the school day parents/careers will be called to come and collect them. A doctor's certificate is not required to return to school, however students should not return to school until symptoms have resolved.

Parents/Careers on school grounds

Remind that parents/careers are not permitted on the school grounds. If you need to speak with a teacher please phone the office or contact the teacher via Seesaw to organise a time to have a phone call with them. All other enquiries can be directed to the office.

Music

A clarion call to all those who used the Coronavirus time to clear their clutter:

Does anyone in our community have an old (or young) guitar in their shed, languishing for lack of use? Just begging to be used again? Secretly wishing to ignite a passion for music in the gentle hearts of the young?

If so, we are creating a space of care and respect for all musical instruments here at Caledonian. We will nurture your old guitar and let it be an instrument of education for many.

I have read that those students who, in Primary School, are introduced to playing musical instruments, largely go on to bigger and better things as they grow. Recorders become flutes and saxophones, clarinets and trumpets. Ukuleles become guitars and violins. Tambourines become timpani. Tinny little xylophones become pianos and harps.

If you can bear to part with your old guitar, donating it to our school will see it become the basis of a class set; in turn enabling more of our students to find their musical passion and experience the joy of making their own music. And clear some space.

Thanking you in advance.

Ann Gleeson

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 19th 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.

