



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 14th July, 2020

Calendar

- July**
- Tuesday 20th- Brekkie Club resumes
 - Monday 27th- Dental Van Visit all week

To Our School Community,

Welcome back!

We all hope everyone had a safe and lovely holiday break, sanitised a lot and kept warm!

While our less fortunate neighbours in Melbourne are entering another period of lockdown and remote learning we are in the position to continue our learning program undisturbed. This however is dependent on all of us doing the right thing.

As with last term the “kiss and drop” routine must continue at our gates and significant portions of the day will be dedicated to washing hands or sanitising at school. Additional cleaning will occur through the day and we will all need to continue to be vigilant with social distancing and general hygiene.

As with last term if your child is presenting as unwell we must send them home. This is one thing that is not negotiable and applies to staff in the school as well!

So, with that in mind, I would like to point out that at some point in grade 3 or 4 children, particularly boys, decide they won't wear jumpers or pants. I don't know why this happens but I can assure you it happens across the entire state of Victoria and seems to kick in in May. It can be 3 degrees and there they are, in shorts. I have tried, at every school I have worked in, to fix this but some part of the grade 4 brain does not recognise weather! I know you probably won't win the morning argument with your child about jumper and pants but encourage you to try, we don't want anyone getting sick as unlike the past we can't just give them some Panadol and get them through the day!

We also have had some jobs done around the school.

Daniel Dabraio (Dad and Concreter extraordinaire) has done an incredible job putting in new paths around our junior building. We have had many years, I am told, of the “mud pit” outside this building and Daniel has completed stage 1 of the upgrade to our grounds. With a new path to the Brophy St gate and across to the music room we are able to keep feet dry for the first time in years! It's hard to see but he also managed to put a fantastic curve in the extension of the path (on the right) past the water tank. Hopefully before the end of the year you will all be allowed back on site to have a look for yourselves!

Although I am not meant to endorse a business I am allowed to say you can find Daniels details on Facebook for any concreting you may need done!



We also have our new flags flying!

Our flagpoles were installed at the end of term 2, and I was a little stressed about what might be underground but the installer dug everything by hand (no it wasn't Mr. Dickson, he doesn't quite have the muscles for that).

The Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags represent our commitment to inclusion and recognition of the traditional custodians.

We are proud to have them flying at the entrance to our school.



We also have taken our delivery of musical instruments. Late last year we were successful in attaining a music grant and have a whole lot of new stuff. Ms Gleeson is particularly excited about the class set of Ukuleles and I am most excited for the Djembes!



We have more exciting improvements planned, although they will take time, I can assure our community that our students will be getting the best environment and resources we can provide! We have a busy time ahead, and in some ways an uncertain time ahead, however as a school community we will continue to look after, care for and make sure the kids learn a thing or two this term! Our teachers are a dedicated bunch of professionals who have just survived the most challenging few months of their careers and have come back this term fully motivated to get on track.

Have a great week, sanitise often and keep warm.

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.

Bell Times 2020

Bell times will remain the same for 2020

First bell- 8.45 am

Second bell- 8.50 am- class begins

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 8.50 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.

