



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 7th October, 2020

## Calendar

### October

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>- 100 Days of Prep Celebration

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>- Book Week Dress Up Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Footy Colours Dress Up Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Public Holiday- no students at school

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Dental Van

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Prep Ecolinc excursion

To the school Community,

It was with delight that we welcomed our students back to school this week and we had the additional boost of freshly painted classrooms, gym floor resurfaced, new student furniture and of course our ground works. The absolute highlight was our preps and grade 1-2 students taking ownership of the garden and trying to keep the chip bark in place!

There was even an additional delight for me as two of our students, Billy and Rhys came in with an amazing sculpture for my office. This amazing piece absolutely made my year as it demonstrated isolation allowed students to develop different skills and that they knew to add a surfboard! I know I can't weld, my dad never let me touch his tools as I had a tendency to break them (hence becoming a teacher) so am incredibly impressed at the skills our students have!

I also know Ms Dorian got a similar artistic piece styled as a spider. Ms Dorian doesn't love spiders...



Schools are places that exist for children. With them learning off site we all felt a little irrelevant! As a staff we have spent some time designing learning and planning for the return to on site learning and had been concerned that with so long out that kids may struggle. Yesterday, overwhelmingly, we found that every child came in and settled into learning in the most astonishing manner! They were all so calm and ready to get back to "normal" school. As I did my daily walkthroughs I was particularly impressed with our youngest students who went straight into routine and were just perfect!

I believe the credit for this must be handed to the parents and carers who have worked at home with their kids. Congratulations, you passed the test! We thank you for your efforts this year.

We have some "tweaks" this term to student learning in years 3 and 4 as our students engage in "content based learning". Students will be learning both subject matter and writing/reading strategies to record and display this content. So yes, you may be hearing about Bees in coming weeks! Using this content allows all students to have shared knowledge to apply to their writing. For example, with Bees they may learn of the importance of Bees in our environment and use that knowledge to write a persuasive piece or information report.

On more practical topics, as we enter this term we still sit under the "Covid Cloud."

So it follows that there are a number of measures we must continue to employ. We are not able to have visitors on site, we must continue to lock up gates and manage entries and exits and sadly parents are unable to attend on site. This makes communication with teachers tricky, as in you may normally, "pop in" to catch a staff member to let them know any important information. This will have to continue to be via phone. Further measures include continuous cleaning through the day, regular sanitising and hand washing, limiting cross age group activities, no assemblies and reducing use of shared items- such as PE equipment. We remain optimistic that some of these measures will be eased as the term moves on.

Currently, there are a number of implications for Graduation, Transition (new preps and grade 6-7) as well as any special days later in the term. We are currently exploring options that will fit within the guidelines and will inform parents as soon as we are able.

I have inserted some pictures here of a before and after for the playspace, you are not allowed in to see it so we are trying to give you a little peek! So far the drainage of this space is holding up and we hope the heavy rains forecast will prove it's all working properly!



**Breakfast Club:** Brekkie club is back on Tuesdays and Thursdays from next week.

Before and after school care is back up and running and is available through Camp Australia.

Finally, welcome back everyone. We are very excited to have you all back as part of our “real” community. Saying hello to other adults at the gate has been wonderful.

If you know Barry, our Water St crossing person, you might even say thanks. Barry repaired our brick fence at the entry of the school over the holidays!

Have a great week!

Ben

### **100 Days of Prep**

Our Prep students will be having a belated celebration of 100 Days of Prep on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Preps can come dressed up as someone who is 100 years old.

### **Book Week**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Student across all year levels will participate in book week activities.

### **Footy Colours Day**

Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come to school wearing your favourite team’s colours. Fun and activities throughout the day! Gold Coin Donation for the day.

### **Dental Van**

The school dental van will be onsite at CPS from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. All students who returned a dental van form earlier in the year will be seen by the dentist during the week.

### **Before and After School Care**

Is operating. If you need to access care please contact Camp Australia. Please do not drop kids off too early, there is limited supervision for our students who catch the bus into school and we cannot hold many students in our office area safely.

### **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.

### Head Lice

Could parents/carers please check student's hair for head lice and treat if eggs/live lice are present.

### Parents/Careers on school grounds

Remind that parents/carers 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.

### Parking around the school

Please remember to obey all traffic and parking signs around the school. These signs ensure that the environment around our school is safe for our students and community members when coming to and going from school.

### 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.



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