



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 27th October, 2020

Calendar

October

Monday 26th- Friday 30th – Dental Van

Wednesday 28th – School Photo Day

November

Monday 2nd – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 3rd – Melbourne Cup public holiday- no students at school

To the school community,

As we move into a time of eased restrictions it is easy to start to think things are normal. I had the lovely discovery that things are most definitely not normal as I had to isolate myself over the weekend and await the results of my daughters covid test...Coming back to school has meant that there are 6 months' worth of normal kid diseases that are popping up and the common cold is back with a vengeance!

Sick kids have to stay home. If they are sick at school, we have to call you to collect them. This is not something we have a choice in, it is a directive from the Chief Medical Officer.

The impact of sick kids at school is fairly clear. The common cold or flu spreads to other students and then we have a whole bunch of kids away. This is definitely not what we want after months of remote learning.

What also happens is our staff will pick up bugs (teachers are not actually immune) and are required to stay off site. In the past, we would dose up on cold and flu tablets and come to work, that is no longer an option. Our staff are incredibly dedicated and really don't want to lose any of the learning time we have left this year because of a runny nose!

Please, for all our sakes, keep kids home if sick.

There has been further guidance provided about graduations. The plan we had to run a lunch with year 6 students and staff can continue. It has been made very clear that parents cannot attend and the advice is that we broadcast the ceremony. No, I don't know how to do this. In fact, if anyone out there has any idea about how we could broadcast this ceremony I am very open to suggestions.

Unfortunately Facebook live is not an option, already considered that one!

We will have a recording of speeches and the photo story we will be able to provide and, if we are clever, we will be able to set up a photo booth so the kids can get a "happy snap" in their fancy graduation clothes. I can only apologise to all parents of grade 6 students. This is not our preferred graduation.

There are a number of things we are continuing to provide here at school to be covid safe. These include enhanced cleaning daily, enhanced hand hygiene facilities including soaps and sanitisers, restricted access to anyone coming on site and having activities that increase breathing (for example PE and singing) outside in the open air.

Photo's tomorrow!

Just a reminder to chuck the uniform in the wash as soon as the kids get home so they are perfect and clean for tomorrow. Brush the hair, bust out the toothbrush and get ready to look gorgeous in the photo!

The curriculum day next Monday ties in with Melbourne Cup and we hope you will take advantage of this. Following Melbourne Cup these "Melbournians" will be allowed out once again and every campground and every highway in the state will be packed. Although the staff will be here Monday enjoying some collaborative learning time, we would all love to hear that you guys got away!

Have a great week!

Ben

Covid Update and reminders

I am sure we are all getting a bit tired of masks, however they are absolutely needed when picking up or dropping off at school. The rules on masks have not changed!

In addition we have a number of students who are experiencing hay fever symptoms. If your child has hay fever please contact us directly. If we do not know then we are required by the Victorian government to contact you and have your child collected from school.

While school photos have been permitted there has been no other relaxation of Covid requirements at school.

2021 Enrolments

If you know someone who is looking to enrol their child at CPS for 2021 we are still accepting enrolments. Please encourage them to get in contact ASAP to discuss this with us, and for anyone who is yet to complete an enrolment form for 2021 please do so ASAP.

Bees

Over the past week we have had more bee stings than in the last two years. Although this is great for our environment, bee stings can be quite painful. To be clear in the event of a bee sting we will contact you directly and treat students in first aid with an ice pack. In the event of an extreme reaction we will call an ambulance and follow their instructions.

School Photos

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Caledonian Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Wednesday 28th October, 2020.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school before then.

Unique codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so you can register online to view your child's images. To register, follow the simple instructions on your child's individualized flyer once you receive it.

When images are completed and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email so they can then view and order photos.

To ensure you are purchasing school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2020 images are online before placing orders.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the school for an order form but please note that these orders can only be accepted up until photo day.

2021 Grade 6 Jumpers

Order forms for the 2021 Grade 6 Jumpers went home last week. We have some sample sizes at the office, if you are unsure what size to order, please send your student up to the office to try them on. Sally and Brooke will then advise which the more suitable size is. Orders and payment are due by 9th November 2020.

Dental Van

The school dental van will be onsite at CPS from Monday 26th to Friday 30th 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. Students should not attend school until appropriate treatment has been completed.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is running again this term. On Tuesday and Thursday from 8.20am. Please come along.

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.

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.

Scholastic Book Club

We are currently asking families who wish to order scholastic book club from the loop catalogues to please do so online. It is easy to set up and use to complete orders. In 2021 we will no longer be accepting orders with cash payments at the school and all orders will need to be completed online.

Washing Machine

Our SAKG washing machine has broken down and we are in desperate need of a replacement. If you know someone that has a machine that is in good working order who would like to donate it to the school, please get them to give us a call.

CPS News

When the kids come home from school and you ask them “What did you do at school today?” and they say “Nuthin Happened” – Here’s what’s happened.

From the Art Room

Starting off this term students across the school have been looking at surrealism and the fauvist works of Henri Matisse. We have been busily creating artworks to brighten our hallways and classrooms. The students are all very excited about getting back into the art room and creating.

All classes have looked at the Indigenous works of the Pitcha Makin Fellas, and how they choose to represent community. The students have looked at the current exhibition at the gallery called ‘Join the Club’ particularly focusing on the triptych ‘Nations and Clubs’. We have made stamps and drawn symbols that we think represent community and clubs that we might belong to.

This week our 5/6 students have participated in a virtual tour and activities with the Eureka Centre and the Ballarat Art Gallery. The students were excited to learn more about the goldfields and the impact that artists, such as Eugene Von Gerard had on our knowledge of Ballarat and the gold rush era.

