



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 17th November, 2020

Calendar

December

Monday 14th- Grade 6 Graduation

Wednesday 16th – Grade 6 Ringing of the Bell

Friday 18th – End of Term 4, students dismissed at 1.30 pm

To the School Community,

The strangest thing has happened. My 13 year old daughter made herself breakfast, got dressed for school and brushed her teeth without fighting with me even once! For years people have warned me that it gets worse in high school (having kids I mean) but it would seem it may be getting better! So to all parents I offer some hope that your nearly teenage children do improve in time!

It is with no small amount of shock that we realise that there are 5 weeks until the end of the year. Our staff continue to work incredibly hard with all students and in coming weeks will be preparing reports for the end of 2020.

Preparations for a graduation ceremony have started, we are still investigating a solution for the live streaming issue. Kinder transitions are planned with the parent information session this week via google meet and soon classes for next year will be designed and staffing will be announced.

It is important to reflect that this year has not been ideal. Challenges have faced us all, at work and home and with our relationships. Despite our best efforts student learning has not been as consistent as we would have desired and as we approach the end of the year our teachers are exhausted.

We have asked them to do more this year than ever before. They have been required to pivot to remote learning and then back again- twice. This is not a simple task, our work for decades (and yes some of us have been at this for decades) has been consistent. We come to work, front up to a class of kids and teach. This year we were required to become something different, remote teachers! This may not sound much to you but for us it was like going from being a builder to a plumber- same industry, different job with a different set of skills. Needless to say we didn't have time to do a full apprenticeship in this new industry we just had to make it work!

And all through this our team have kept on going, with positivity and commitment to student learning and wellbeing. This will clearly continue into 2021 with the new tutor initiative which will support student learning and our teachers over this and next week are diligently designing student learning for next year and beyond with a specific focus on English and Mathematics.

I couldn't be more proud of the staff and the way they continue to put their energies into ensuring student learning outcomes are at the forefront of everything they do.

Having worked in quite a few schools there is one really good way to do a health check of any school. Its playtime and specifically if teachers dread it or love it. We all go out not sure what is going to happen, a few hundred children in a yard can make very bad choices. But here at Caledonian we don't dread yard duty. Every day we head out and it's ok! Kids are happy, they are playing, there are few issues and most the time when "on patrol" we are just hanging out with kids. It is the best sign of a happy healthy and fantastic school!

This is a further acknowledgement of the work teachers do and maybe even a tip of the hat to you guys for bringing up lovely children! Well Done!

Have a great week

Ben.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Police in Schools Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded the Police in Schools Awards for respect in the classroom, towards peers and in the yard. Due to covid restrictions we have been unable to have Des come and present the awards until now. Des presented awards to students for the months of July, August, September and October.

- Chloe Plummer
- Sienna Marshall
- May Lawlor
- Jake Stokell
- Henry Anderson
- Matilda Knight
- Patrick Read
- Tiarnah Berry



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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

Grade Preps have been looking at Yayoi Kusama’s Pumpkins and her polka dot art. The 1/2s have finished their masks, and we are now thinking about how to best display them. We have also been working with our fluoro paints and exploring our painting techniques.

Grade 3/4 and 5/6 have been learning about calmness and mindful painting to music. We have painted triangles of different transparencies and have also explored how we can mix different colours to create new ones. All of the students have had a lot of fun creating.

