



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 24th 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,

That time of year is approaching and our future students will be having their first visit this Friday! It is an incredibly exciting time, and occasionally an emotional one. After a year of restrictions and isolation we are entering a new, more hopeful, stage.

Our prep students will be coming in small groups as per the DET operations guidelines. This will provide us a chance to show our little people around and familiarise them with the school. We are running this again next week before the state-wide transition day.

With Victoria now essentially Covid free there are a significant number of restrictions that we will see lifted for next year. There are however many still in place for the next few weeks until the summer break.

One of our biggest challenges has been Graduation. The guidelines remain the same at this stage and we will be moving forward as planned with a special lunch and ceremony here at school which we will find a way to broadcast out so parents can watch children's speeches. We are very aware this is not ideal, we wish we could do more however the circumstances are not relaxed enough yet for there to be any change to the plan.

Additionally, we are running out of time to make any changes!

We are also preparing a photo story presentation and prerecording speeches which will be provided to families. Further information is coming directly to parents of grade 6 students.

We thank you for your understanding.

This week you will receive information about the 2021 costs to parents for Caledonian PS. We have incorporated all required stationery within these costs as well as Chromebook costs for 3-6 students. Information regarding book box pick up will be provided shortly and will be very similar to this year with boxes collected from the office before school returns.

For Prep – 2 the costs are \$120 while 3 – 6 is \$220 including Chromebook.

Covid Safe

Regardless of the brilliant position Victoria now finds itself regarding Covid, we are still operating under a strict set of guidelines. Sanitising, handwashing, additional cleaning and management of ill students all remain in place, and will so until the end of 2020. However you may start to see staff without masks when outside in open air and allied health workers are now permitted on site.

Finally this week I would like to remind you all that mobile phones are not permitted at school. If your child brings one they must hand it in to a staff member for safekeeping. Additionally, while we can monitor all activity on Chromebooks, we cannot supervise what children do online at home. Please check your children's social media account- if they are 12+ which is old enough to have one- and occasionally check their search history. It is absolutely your responsibility to keep your children safe online when at home. Studies are showing there has been huge increases in online issues including bullying, grooming and sharing inappropriate content.

Thanks!

Ben

Book Club

The last Scholastic Book Club for the year, issue 8 orders are due by Friday 27th November. Please also note that as of next year we will no longer be processing orders for book club through the office. You will need to complete orders through the scholastic website.

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.

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 Grade 3/4 Team

The students in Grade 3/4 have enjoyed the opportunity to try their hand at golf this week. Mr Jinks organised for Andrew Cartledge, a local coaching professional, to come to our school. The students had a go at using different golf clubs and participated in some skill-building activities.

A big thank you to Mr Jinks and Andrew Cartledge for this opportunity. We all had lots of fun and it was great to try something new.



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