



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 1st December, 2020

Calendar

December

Friday 4th- 5/6 Picnic Lunch

Tuesday 8th- Transition day Prep 2021 9-12.30

Wednesday 9th- 3-6 End of year movie

Wednesday 9th- Prep-2 Gymnastics at Gym Sports Ballarat

Thursday 10th- 3-6 Gymnastics at Gym Sports Ballarat

Friday 11th- Prep-2 End of year movie and Picnic Lunch

Friday 11th- 5/6 Picnic Lunch

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,

We are going to finish this year with style!

The next two weeks are going to be filled with a term's worth of fun. Kids are going to head out to parks for picnic lunches, they will be going to Gymsports, the movies and our grade 5-6 kids are planning to ride to Echuca!

Well not really Echuca, but a group are planning a BIG RIDE day where they will do enough laps of the track on bikes that they cover the distance to the Murray. As they explained to me, the plan is to celebrate the end of border closures and the chance to get out of Victoria as well as promote a healthy and active activity. I don't really understand it yet, but it sounds pretty cool and the grade 6 kids came up with it so we will have a go!

We have an additional fun day planned in the final week but be aware there will be no final assembly for parents. We are not yet permitted to run assemblies with parents!

There are going to be a lot of notes coming home, but we are mindful that this year has been tough, and for many financially tough, so most our fun will be cost free to families. This includes graduation.

Arrangements are still being prepared for 2021. While we cannot yet announce staffing; we are close. We will also be running our Book Box collection before the students start back for 2021.

Book Boxes Collection

Wednesday January 20th between 9:00am -12:30pm

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Thursday January 21st between 1:00pm-4:00pm

Book boxes can be collected from the office. The parent payment information will be provided via Compass.

Although we have had a mixed up year, Breaky Club has been back this term and we would like to thank the volunteers who have helped out. We will certainly keep this up and running in 2021! As we approach the end of the year however, Breaky Club finishes up. This Thursday will be the last for 2020.

Finally this week I would like to share the terror of being a parent (again). My eldest is fairly useless. No sense of time, gets lost easily, daydreams constantly and occasionally can be heard having conversations with herself... in Japanese.

So it was with some caution we allowed her to take her younger sister and cousin to the supermarket to get a box of icy poles. After half an hour we began to freak out as they hadn't returned. It was only that we had given her a card to use that we were able to discover through our banking app that she had walked 2 kms into town to go and buy ice cream from the ice cream shop next to the town hall!

Another half hour of driving up and down Sturt Street, including driving past a car crash at Raglan Street, and they were spotted almost back at home.

Since then I have discovered the whole new world of child tracking devices. Although they seem somewhat similar to home detention ankle bracelets I am definitely looking to get one. Especially if it includes some sort of ZAPPER if she travels too far from home!

Finding the balance between responsible parenting and allowing a child freedom is really tricky. I really don't know what I am doing.

Any advice or ideas are welcome!

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.

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.

