



# Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

## Calendar

<b>June</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tree drive orders and payment due back
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 ends students dismissed at 2.30pm
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	CSEF applications close
<b>July</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 Begins

## Congratulations

Mrs Kate and Shane on the arrival of Lulu Grace

And

Mr Prockter and Megan on the arrival of Harvey George

We can't wait to meet them both!!!

To the School Community,

As we rapidly head towards the mid-year break it feels like we have spent the last 3 months in a time warp! We have all been on “pause” stuck in our homes and unable to participate in any of the activities that give us joy, unless you like riding a bike or going for a run...

I would like to thank all families for their ongoing support, and although we are relatively safe in Ballarat we must not become complacent. The guidance from the Chief Medical Officer for schools has not been altered so we are required to continue with significant restrictions in practice here at school. I would not expect this to change in term 3.

The key restrictions that continue are as follows:

- No non-essential adults to be on site including volunteers, service providers and of course parents
- Gates are locked until 8:40 and are for student access only
- Gates are locked outside school hours and there is no public access
- All students and staff are required to sanitise and/or wash hands with soap at multiple times through the day
- Any child who appears unwell must be collected from school and not return until symptoms clear
- Parents and Carers who wish to meet with a staff member must first try phone communication, appointments are to be kept to a minimum
- Drink Taps must not be used- drink bottles should be brought to school daily

Children should not be dropped off at school before 8:40 unless to attend before school care. If you require supervision outside school hours we have care available on site through Camp Australia.

Bus travellers must report to the office in the mornings before school and afternoons.

As we have multiple exit and entry points we have not introduced restrictions on drop off pick up times or gates for certain families. We hope, with your continued support, that these further restrictions won't be necessary.

Breakfast club will begin again in the first week of term 3 and a roster will be coming out in coming days. If you are unable to continue to assist with breakfast club please let the office know!

As we have previously communicated reports are going to be a bit weird. There will not be any “score” on a 5 point scale. This is often referred to as the dots. We will provide a report on learning this semester, however it will not be the same as we are all used to. In semester 2 we will be back to normal for reporting!

At this stage parent teacher interviews will be early next term and it is very likely they will be conducted via phone. We will let you know as soon as possible how these will be conducted.

Have a great week!

Ben

### **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.

## **Music**

A clarion call to all those who used the Coronavirus time to clear their clutter:

Does anyone in our community have an old (or young) guitar in their shed, languishing for lack of use? Just begging to be used again? Secretly wishing to ignite a passion for music in the gentle hearts of the young?

If so, we are creating a space of care and respect for all musical instruments here at Caledonian. We will nurture your old guitar and let it be an instrument of education for many.

I have read that those students who, in Primary School, are introduced to playing musical instruments, largely go on to bigger and better things as they grow. Recorders become flutes and saxophones, clarinets and trumpets. Ukuleles become guitars and violins. Tambourines become timpani. Tinny little xylophones become pianos and harps.

If you can bear to part with your old guitar, donating it to our school will see it become the basis of a class set; in turn enabling more of our students to find their musical passion and experience the joy of making their own music.

And clear some space.

Thanking you in advance.

Ann Gleeson

## **Tree Drive**

Tree Drive we will be running the tree drive again this year, order forms will be available on compass and on the website, order forms and payment are this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **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.

## **No Publish to Media**

If you do not wish for us to use your child's name and images as part of media and advertising for the school, please contact the office and let us know.

## **Students Medications**

Please send all student medications in with students as they return to onsite learning. This includes Ventolin and spacers and EpiPens.

## **Essential Student Learning Materials**

Please ensure you send all essential learning materials back to school with students as they return to onsite learning. This includes books, pencil cases, chrome books and iPad's.

## **CSEF**

Remind that the cut-off date for lodging CSEF applications is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. If you have a valid pension, health care or veterans card you are eligible to apply. Forms can be found at the office or from the DET website.

