



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 3rd March 2022

Calendar

March-

Friday 4th – House Colours Day

Friday 11th – Athletics Day

Monday 14th – Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 22nd – School Photos

April-

Friday 8th – Last Day of term, students dismissed at 2.30 pm

Monday 25th - Anzac Day

Tuesday 26th – Term 2 starts

We would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present and emerging.

Dear Families,

My 11-year-old daughter announced she has “social anxiety” on Tuesday night, 2 minutes before skipping into her singing lesson. I responded with a rather blunt, “no you don’t, you have puberty”. I proceeded to remind her she is very confident ordering bubble tea, going to the supermarket, sleepovers, school and after school activities. She rather bluntly (and loudly) explained this was not the right response, perhaps further demonstrating that I was correct in my assumption that it was puberty, not social anxiety.

However, later on, we did have a discussion around what’s been in the news. Floods and war seem to be preoccupying the discussion kids are having. How to talk to children who have seen in the news or heard at school about the events in Ukraine is not an easy thing to get right, I certainly do not have any suggestions. Yet this is something that is in the news, social media and the school yards across the country. And it can cause children to worry.

Online I found some suggestions.

1. At home, keeping images that young children see age appropriate, they really don’t need to see the scary stuff.
2. Listening to your child if they are feeling concerned and try to understand what their concern is, it may not be what we as adults worry about.
3. Don’t “catastrophise” as children are curious little things and may just be asking questions to understand what’s happening.
4. Ease their concerns but don’t dismiss them. If we dismiss (as I did in the above example of the Moody household) they may choose next time, not to talk to us. Then we have no idea what they are thinking!

And of course, don’t forget kids are astute, they hear more than we think they do.

I had the chance to view some of the prep testing data this week. Our prep teachers have been measuring the rate at which students are learning letter names and the sounds associated with them. As this is a specific focus in reading development allowing for the skill of decoding text, it is a fundamental skill every student needs. And the initial results of the teaching approaches being used are incredible with many students accelerating in their knowledge and exceeding expectations.

When I taught prep 15 years ago, we would do a letter a week. Even by mid-year we were still doing a letter a week. Even if the student knew all their letters, we would do a letter a week. So, on reflection we have come a very long way in our understanding of what and how quickly children can learn!

Athletics:

Our Athletics Carnival is set for Friday 11th March. We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity to get out and have a great day of running, jumping, and throwing things! As we understand it there is no requirement to check in, but **Social Distancing** remains important. **The stands must be for kids only**. Please remember many students are not vaccinated and it is our collective responsibility to keep them safe. All parents are welcome to attend but bring an umbrella either for rain or sun protection. Hats and sunscreen as well even if its cloudy! The canteen will be open for spectators and a coffee van will be onsite.

Professional Learning:

Professor Peter Sullivan has been working with us on our Curriculum Day. We have been looking at challenging maths tasks that inspire creativity and engagement in mathematic problem solving. From my perspective it is inspiring to see the teaching team at Caledonian in action, their understanding of quality learning is incredible, and this professional learning will only enhance what they already do!

Grounds:

We have been allocated funding for new shade sails above our Gaga pit, sand pit and near the Brophy St entrance. These will hopefully be able to be installed soon!

Prep 2023:

Prep tours and enrolment interviews have begun already, and we will ask if you have a younger child coming next year that you collect an enrolment form and return it soon. There is demand for places at our school and we need to make sure we have everyone catered for. We are even getting enquiries for 2024!

Have a great week!

Ben

School Photos 2022 – Caledonian Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Caledonian Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on Tuesday 22nd March 2022.

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

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalized flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Bike Helmets

Reminder that students riding, scooting or skating to school **must wear a bike helmet.**

House Colours Day- Friday 4th March

In the lead up to our Athletics Carnival we would like to see students get into their team spirit. On Friday 4th March, students and teachers are asked to come to school dressed in their School House Colours. Every student wearing their house colours with pride on the day, will earn their house a point to help kick 2022 off on the right foot.

For new families, this means that on this day, your child will wear a coloured T-shirt of the house they have been allocated to, shorts/track suit pants, coloured hair, ribbons, etc.

Red House- Eureka

Gold/Yellow House-Brownbill

Green House-Sturt

Blue House-Victoria

No Hat No Play

As we are a Sun Smart School students must wear a hat whenever they are outside at school during term 4 and Term 1. Students must have a **school wide brimmed hat**; please do not send along peak caps. Hats are available from Lowes or Beleza.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those people who have volunteered for Brekkie Club. A roster will be sent home tomorrow with the day/days you are needed.

CSEF-Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Parents/Careers with a means tested government healthcare/pension card are eligible to receive the CSEF payments. Application forms are available from the office. We must have a CSEF application to put apply for the funding on your behalf.

Chromebook Lease

Reminder to families with students in grade 3-6 that payment for the lease of a Chromebook is \$100 for the year and is now payable at the office.

Athletics Day

School Athletics Day will be on Friday 11th March. All students attend Athletics Sports Day at Llanberris Reserve. Parents are required to drop off student's from 8:45 am and collect student's between 2:45 pm and 3 pm from Llanberris. Please see your child's teacher to sign your child out at the end of the day. Any parents requiring Before School Care or After School Care please contact the office by phone by the end of the day Monday 7th March 2022. These services will only run if there is enough demand. If children need after school care, we will organise transportation back to school on the day.

School Phone Number

Please be aware that when we are trying to contact you from school our number displays as **Private Number**.

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. Our school uniform suppliers are Crocker's and Beleza.

Bell Times 2021

First bell- 8.45 am

Second bell- 8.50 am

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.

Before and After School Care

Camp Australia run the before and after school care program at CPS. Parents interested in before and after school care should visit Camp Australia's website and follow the prompts to register and book.

Absences

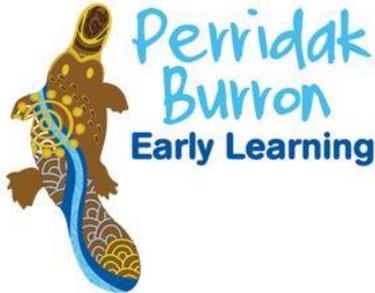
If your child is not going to be attending school due to sickness, please phone our office on 53326955 so that we can enter the details of the absence or you can enter the absence details on Compass. When using Compass to enter the absence details please leave a brief comment as to why your child is unwell.

Every Day Counts!	
At Caledonian PS we have set ourselves the task of supporting families to achieve and part of this is making sure children attend school every day. The table below clearly shows what is "normal attendance" right through to the worst-case scenario, that of more than 40 days per year. We hope this makes things clearer to our community.	
0 - 10	This is within the normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities to them.
10 - 20	This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of learning between prep and year 10.
21- 40	This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of learning between prep and year 10,
40+	This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and a half years of learning between prep and year 10.

Prep Enrolments 2023

We are now accepting enrolments for preps in 2023. Enrolment packs can be collected from the office. Prep Interviews can be organised through the office.

Culture • Education • Community



Perridak Burron Early Learning provides funded three and four-year-old Kindergarten programs in a culturally inclusive environment.

We are passionate about educating children *through* culture and are dedicated to providing a service focused on quality.

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Brown Hill Playgroup @ Caledonian Primary School

All babies and preschool age children welcome!

Held every Wednesday morning 9am-11am, we are currently meeting at Russell Square Playground, as covid restrictions mean we cannot utilise the space at CPS (Excluding school and public holidays).

Find us on Facebook.

Any questions? Contact Caledonian Primary School on 5332 6955.

Kids Club at Brown Hill Uniting Church

Kids Club is an after-school program offered to the Caledonian Primary School community by the Brown Hill Uniting Church and held in the church hall. This school term it is on Tuesdays, 8th, 15th and 22nd March, 3.15 to 5.00pm.

We begin with a light nutritious afternoon tea then settle in with a couple of fun games. The theme for the afternoon is based on a story from the bible, which we explore in a child friendly way, to seek meaning for us to live as people inspired by Jesus. We finish with an art, craft or cooking activity.

Our volunteers all hold Working With Children Checks and Brown Hill Church is a Safe Church.

Please ask at the school office for the registration form or phone Louise on 0407 893468 for more information.

