



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 10th March 2022

Calendar

March-

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

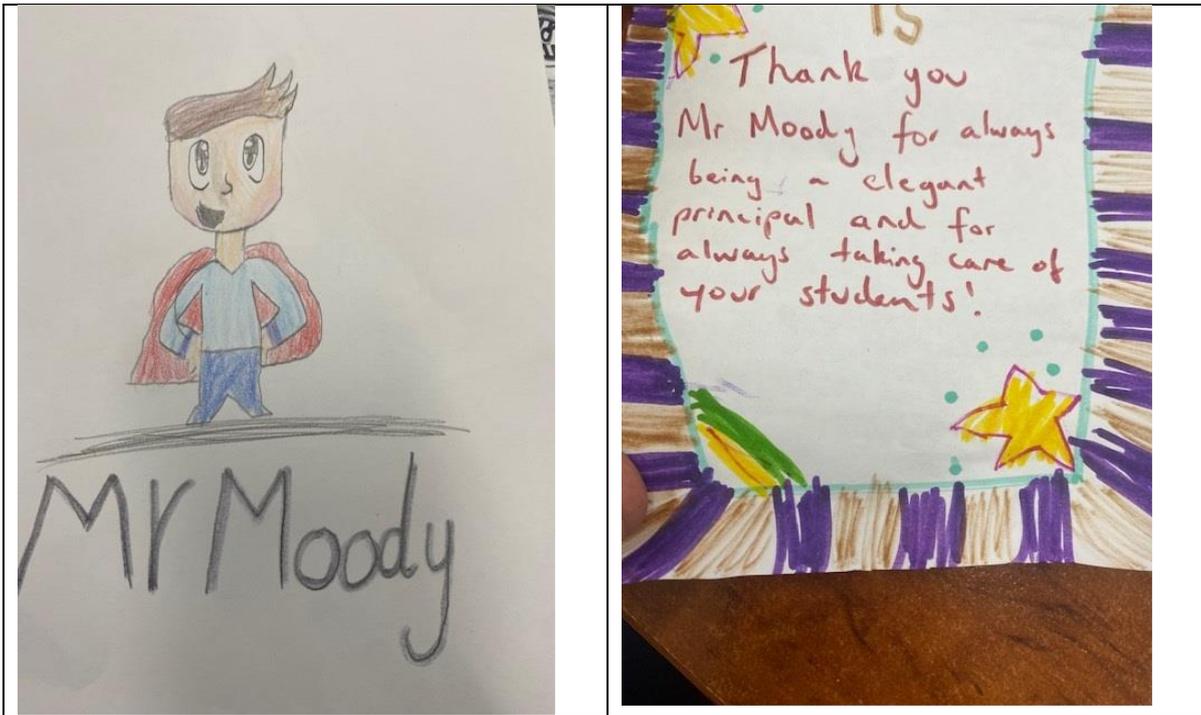
We would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present and emerging.

Dear Families,

I became a teacher to work with kids. I became a teacher because I felt it was an important thing to do. Mum was a teacher (is still a primary school principal) and I grew up knowing exactly what the job was about.

It is a bit of an accident I became a principal and I often very much miss working more directly with students.

Here at Caledonian, we have a brilliant school, and I am able to still have connections with our students, visiting rooms, hearing reading, being shown the work student have done and getting to see them grow and learn. But the best is when I get pictures and letters and I have a couple here I just have to share. I always fancied myself as a superhero and I do believe the little person who decided I am "elegant" is the best student in our school!



This week it's all about Athletics.

To our parents, if you can come you are very welcome. The Athletics Carnival Day is an absolute blast with children competing in a wide range of events. Junior students get involved with age-appropriate sports "activities" while our 3-6 students compete in traditional track and field events. Sprints are a favourite (all students do a run) and all students do long jump which is incredible to watch, particularly preps! As usual I have been banned from running any events at athletics.

Events run from 9:00 with the optional 1500m as the first event, right through to 2:30, although these times can vary slightly. If you are working but can pop out for a bit, the sprints are scheduled to start at 2:00 and are a good one to watch. Having said that they are over pretty quickly!

If your child is in Prep, long jump is on at 12:00. This event is a good for parents as you can get right up to the fence to watch. A lot of the other prep junior events are on the field and parents are not allowed on the field. Most of the grade 1 and 2 students are doing long jump right after the preps at 12:30 and 1:00.

The full timetable is in this newsletter but I thought it could be helpful to have a couple of suggestions! Please be aware these times are a guide only. On the day they can run a bit early or a bit late!

Essential items for parents:

- Camp Chair
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Snacks

- Drink bottle

Finally, a reminder that we cannot have parents in the stands as there is a large percentage of students in primary schools who are not vaccinated.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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.**

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.

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.

Visual Supports

A picture speaks a thousand words! We all respond to images and using visual supports is a great way to maintain your child's focus and interest, no matter their age.

Our teachers have been exploring simple ways to use visual supports in the classroom. You can use this approach at home too.

There are many ways to use visuals, one is a visual checklist. This may support your child to develop independence in completing their morning or afternoon routines and can be adapted to any task.

If you'd like to try this with your child at home, please email [the school](#) and request a printed or digital copy.

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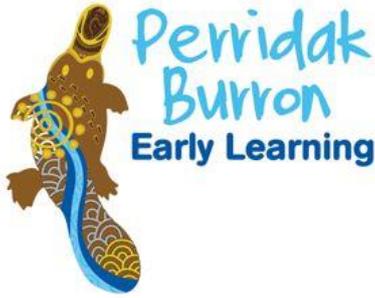
Example...

This sample is attached to the pantry and my kids are encouraged to tick off each job as they do it. It doesn't always work but some days it saves that "how many times have I asked you..." narrative that we can easily slip into, especially at busy times.



Keep at it.
As we all know, persistence and consistency pay off!

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

Contact us today to book a tour.

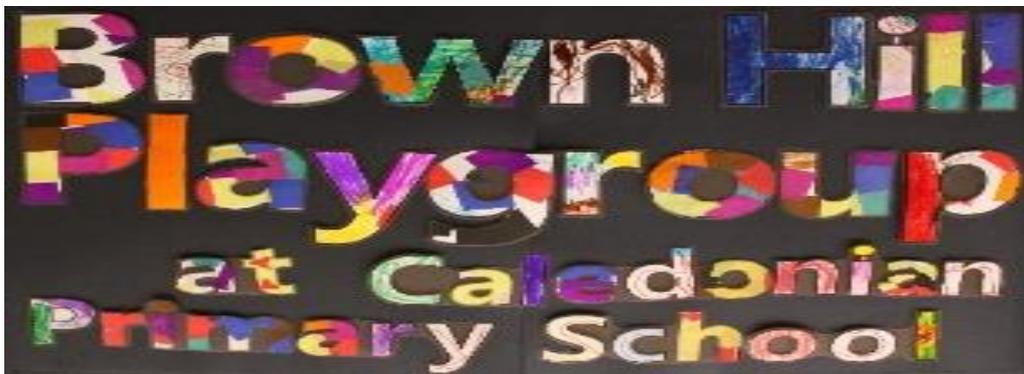


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Brown Hill Playgroup @ Caledonian Primary School

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.

On Monday the 21st of March it will be the start of Harmony Week,
We have been preparing for Harmony Week for a few weeks now and we hope you'll like it.

During Harmony Week there will be various activities to do with different cultures and what they play and learn. Our specialist classes for this week will have activities to support our harmony week celebrations. Music from different cultures, making a banner in Art and different team sports for PE.

On Monday the 21st of March, we would like students to wear an ORANGE SHIRT and bring a gold coin to support our funding to get a cover for the bike shed.

Other opportunities to wear orange could include:

- An orange ribbon in your hair or pinned on your shirt
- Orange socks
- Orange sweatbands

Lillie, Cassie and Noah- Student Voice Leaders.



Athletics Day Timetable

	9.20	9.55	10.30	11.05	11.25	12.00	12.35	1.10	1.40
5/6	80m	High Jump (Remove Bar)	Discus (Vortex)	Morning Tea	Shot Put (Tennis Ball Throw)	Long Jump	Novelty (1)	Novelty (2)	Lunch
7	100m	Novelty (1)	High Jump (Remove Bar)		Discus	Shot Put	Long Jump	Novelty (2)	
8	100m	Novelty (2)	Novelty (1)		High Jump (Remove Bar)	Discus	Shot Put	Long Jump	
9	Long Jump	800m	Triple Jump		200m (1)	High Jump	Discus	Shot Put	
10	Shot Put	Long Jump	800m		Triple Jump	200m (1)	High Jump	Discus	
11	Discus	Shot Put	Long Jump		200m (2)	Triple Jump	800m	High Jump	
12/13	High Jump	Discus	Shot Put		Long Jump	200m (2)	Triple Jump	800m	