



Caledonian Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Calendar

March-

Tuesday 22nd – School Photos

Friday 25th – Ride 2 School Day

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 do need to clarify something. I do not normally wear a matching track suit. Nor do I participate in any normal sports. I think matching tracksuits are really funny and usually save it for embarrassing my daughters, one of my favourite pastimes...

However, Athletics was a blast! The only real reason to hold the athletics day is to give kids a sports experience, a bit of fun and a day parents can come along and see their kids do their best! Sure, there are always some that are really sporty but primary school athletics are a long way from the Olympics. I can verify as a parent of very uncoordinated children that just getting them to have a run is a win!

A big thanks to Mr Vagg who filled the role of Chief Marshall on the day. Mr Vagg and Mr Dickson put the whole thing together as an addition to their normal work and it couldn't have been run without their time and dedication! Also, our parent helpers, manning events, shepherding students and hitting the timers can mean they don't actually get to see much of their own kids on the day. We really appreciate your help as we simply don't have enough staff to run an event like athletics without you! And our Woodman's Hill helpers who did an incredible job helping and supporting our students in their attempts to break records. Lastly, our teachers, many of whom seem to have the same level of sporting prowess as me, put in a huge day. Managing kids in the unusual environment of Llanberris is very different. Multiple toilet stops, constant hunger (kids are always hungry) and general excitement can be exhausting and I am sure our teachers were in bed by 7:30 on Friday. Thanks guys!

We are very quickly heading towards the end of term and parent teacher interviews. Karren Jennings has started early today as she will be on leave during the normal interview time. Interviews will be on the 28th March (week 9 of term) and we will inform you as soon as we have the system open for bookings via Compass.

As we are unable to run assemblies safely at the moment, online assemblies are our substitute. We are running these as a google meet and students from each grade have been hosting. I know we can't share these with the parent community, but I can say its been wonderful to see our students using technologies to communicate. We have, each week, had the host class share their learning with the whole school which has been a fabulous way for children to take pride in what they are learning. It's a simple thing that we hope to take to "real life" assemblies when the time comes.

NOP and POP may be something your children tell you about. POP's are persuasive outline planners and NOP's are narrative outline planners. As part of our writing instruction, we focus on providing the "scaffolds" to learning using these planners. They allow children to plan a sequenced and ordered piece of writing. The "Writing Revolution" training we received last year provides a framework for writing that includes structured explicit instruction on sentence, paragraph and complete written pieces. NOPS and POPs are part of this! If you child is in years 3-6, they should be familiar with this, so you could ask them, so you don't have the usual, "What did you do at school today?" and "ah nuthhin" conversation!

We have also, as a result of our Professional Learning with Professor Peter Sullivan, been trailing a whole host of strategies in teaching mathematics. One of the most interesting approaches is the idea of allowing students to engage in mathematical thinking (for example a written maths problem) before giving any actual instruction. This may seem weird, but by getting children to **think** first we can "tune in" to the mathematics and then provide the instruction. While much of maths is formulas and timetables, actually being able to approach problems mathematically is the real challenge and thanks to Mrs Jennings we are all on a new mission to do so!

Here is a maths problem you can try at home!

- It is 890 km by road from Melbourne to Sydney.
- It is 190 km further from Albury to Sydney than it is from Melbourne to Albury.
- How far is it from Melbourne from Albury?

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.**

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.

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

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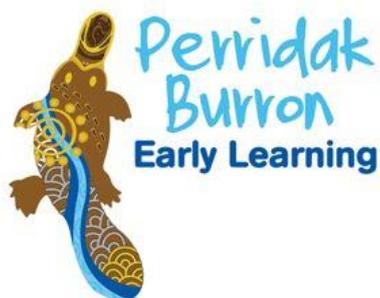
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Example... This sample is attached to the poetry and my kids are encouraged to tick off each job as they do it. It doesn't always work but some days it loves that "how many times have I caked you..." narrative that we can easily slip into, especially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

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

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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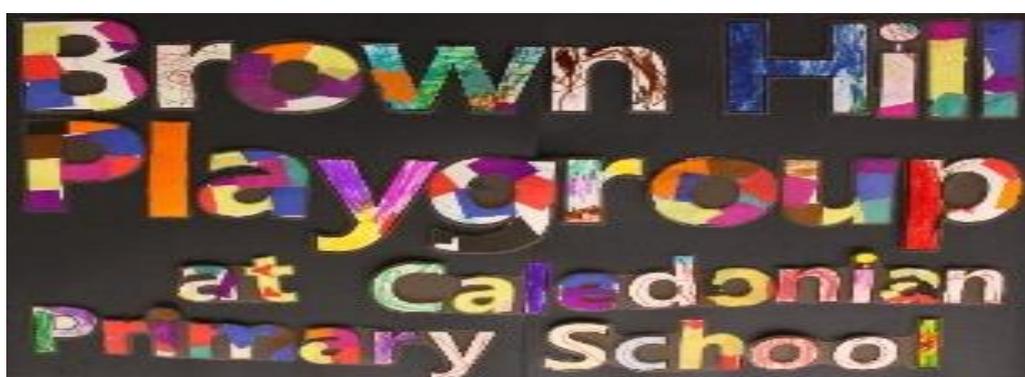


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Brown Hill Playgroup @ Caledonian Primary School

All babies and preschool age children welcome!

Held every Wednesday morning 9am-11am, in the multipurpose building at Caledonian Primary School. 2 Thompson Street, Brown Hill (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.





OPEN EVENING

Come along to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12.

Our Open Evening will showcase our specialty areas and provide an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College. Join one of our tours to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12. The tours will showcase our extensive renovations and refurbishments and you will view our specialty areas and gain an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College.

To abide by Covid-19 guidelines and limit the number of people in each group, tours will be conducted at 15 minute intervals. Please register for a tour via the link below and select a time that is most convenient to you.

All tours will commence from the College Main Entrance/Foyer. We look forward to meeting you.

All attendees (18 years and older) will need to provide evidence of their COVID-19 double vaccination (minimum) to attend this event

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