

Newsletter



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MARCH 2018		
Fri 2 nd	Years 3 Science incursion	School Hall
Mon 12th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL
Tues 13 th	Parent session 1 – ‘Helping your child with reading’	9am School Hall
Weds 14 th	Preps Zoo excursion	
Fri 16 th	PFC AGM	9am School Hall
Sat 17 th	Barefoot Bowls for parents @ Elsternwick Park	
Mon 19 th	Years 3 and 4 @ CAMP	
Tues 20 th	Parent session 2 – ‘Literacy’	9am School Hall
Weds 21 st	Years 3 and 4 return form CAMP	
Sat 24 th	School and Kinder Open Day and Cake Stall	
Thurs 29th	END OF TERM 1	School finishes 2.30pm SHARP

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to all those parents who attended last week’s sessions. Attending each of them, I was so pleased to observe the efforts of our teachers as well as the growth in the professionalism of our staff. This is part of our ongoing commitment to make CPS the best school possible.

Swimming Carnival

Last week all our Year 3 to 6 children enjoyed fabulous



weather while participating in our House Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all who took part & especially those who progressed to

Wednesday’s District Swimming Carnival. Thanks to parent Pete C who represented CPS in the staff & parents versus students’ race.

Well done, also, to those who this Wednesday represented CPS in the District Swimming Carnival.

Please see Mr Serravite’s report for details of both events.

School Council Elections

A reminder that nominations for School Council close today, Friday, at 4pm. Nomination forms are available from the Office. If the number of nominees exceeds the number

of vacancies (3) an election will be held with ballot papers going home next Tuesday and the ballot closing the following Tuesday 13 March.

DET Changes to school absence notifications

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

We have been advised that the Department of Education now requires Primary Schools to follow

up any unexplained student absences on the day of absence. As you will be aware it is a parent’s responsibility to advise the school of any absence, however if you do not do so, please be advised that the school will email or text you to determine the whereabouts of your child. You can advise the school of an absence via Flexibuzz, email or phone call to the Office.

It is also timely to remind parents that every day of school missed is a day of learning lost. Neither DET nor Caulfield Primary School condone parents taking children out of school for reasons other than illness or appointments. Family holidays during school time are not encouraged and can also impact on student learning and engagement. Please also ensure children arrive at school by 9.00am.

Assemblies

As a rule, whole school Assemblies are held on the Monday morning following the Friday on which the whole school Newsletter goes out. Normally this would mean next Monday would be a whole school Assembly however with the Year4/5/6s on an excursion all day, we have decided

not to have one next Monday. Area Assemblies are held in the alternate weeks to our whole school Assemblies. The next whole school Assembly is on Monday 19 March.

Differentiation



At last week's Parents Information Evenings, I was conscious of our use of the term "differentiation" and how it may be a term with which parents are not

familiar. In simple terms, "differentiation" refers to the way in which teachers cater for the different learning needs of the children in each class. As you would imagine within each class there is a wide range of abilities, whether it is Literacy, Numeracy or PE! Unlike many years ago when all children in a class did the same work, these days we expect that in most of our lessons, children will learn what is appropriate for their next stage of development. To achieve this, often children will work in groups in which the children are of a similar ability, work may be individualised or it may be open ended, meaning there is no right or wrong way of doing it and that children can explore it at their own level.

Poplar Street Pedestrian Gate

Parents are advised that we will soon be locking the Poplar Street gate near the Office, as we do with the pedestrian gate in the staff carpark. This will mean all people entering the school between 9.30am and 3.00pm will need to enter via the Olive Street entrance, coming past the Office. All visitors need to report in at the Office upon arrival.

Parent Volunteers Induction

All parents or friends who are volunteering to assist with school programs involving children such as excursions or classroom programs need to complete our Occupational Health & Safety & Child Safe Induction. The necessary forms can be collected from Office, completed and returned. All volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check which can be accessed online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/>

Reading Helpers



A great way to help your child's class is by volunteering to listen to children read. All children benefit from reading aloud to an adult so if you are willing and able to help, please see your child's teacher. Volunteers are required in both English and Japanese speaking classrooms.

Poplar Street Parking

If dropping children off at school, please be reminded that the 5 spaces on Poplar Street between the staff carpark and the crossing are not to be used for parking from 8.00-9.00am or 3.00-4.00pm. Apart from risking a fine, parents

have been observed parking there to drop children off, then reversing back across the crossing when it is in use by children. In the interests of student safety, please obey all parking signage and, if possible, use the "Kiss and Go" area on Olive Street

"Love Your Streets" – Help CPS and the Local Community

Love Your Streets is a campaign by the City of Glen Eira to improve local community areas.



Community members attend designated areas which require some cleaning up and for every hour worked, \$25 is donated to their nominated local cause; in our case Caulfield Primary school, to be used for water related environmental works.

To date CPS has accumulated \$750 worth of "work" which we hope to put towards drainage works at the rear of the Prep building. We have an opportunity to build on this by attending Caulfield Racecourse The next opportunity to support this worthy program is this Sunday 4 March at Caulfield Racecourse. Meet outside, Gate 22 in Station St from 10.30-11.30

Hair Bands



At last week's School Council meeting our School Uniform Policy was amended to include requirements for head bands. The policy now includes "Ribbons and

head bands worn in the hair at school to be plain, flat and in the school colours."

Parent Payments

Please be reminded that Parent Payments and Term Invoice payments are due. Thank you to all those families who have made their payments already. We would hate any child to miss out on activities due to non-payment. Parents of Year 3 and 4 children also have camp payments due by Friday 2 March

Coles Sports for Schools



We are currently collecting tokens provided when shopping at Coles supermarkets. Please encourage your family and friends to donate theirs to our growing collection and place them in the box outside the Office. Digital vouchers can also

be obtained if shopping online

PETER GRAY
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

How to Phrase Questions about your Child's Day

Parents often share with us that their child isn't forthcoming on what they've learnt at school each day. We've collated a variety of questions from various sources that you might like to consider. So instead of saying 'So how was your day?' and getting the standard answer 'OK', the list of questions below might be helpful.

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. What was the book about that your teacher read?
4. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
5. What did you do that was creative?
6. What is the most popular game at recess?
7. What was the best thing that happened today?
8. Did you help anyone today?
9. Did you tell anyone "thank you?" Tell me more.
10. Who did you sit with at lunch?
11. What made you laugh?
12. Did you learn something you didn't understand? So what did you do to help yourself?
13. Who inspired you today?
14. What was the peak and the pit?
15. What was your least favourite part of the day? What makes you say that?
16. Was anyone in your class gone today?
17. Did you ever feel unsafe?
18. What is something you heard that surprised you?
19. What is something you saw that made you think?
20. Who did you play with today?
21. Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
22. What is something that challenged you?
23. How did someone fill your bucket today? Whose bucket did you fill?
24. Did you like your lunch?
25. Rate your day on a scale from 1-10. What makes you give that scale?
26. How were you brave today?
27. What questions did you ask at school today?
28. Tell us your top two things from the day (before you can be excused from the dinner table!).
29. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
30. What are you reading?
31. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
32. Teach me something I don't know.
33. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
34. (For older kids): Do you feel prepared for your history test?" or, "Is there anything on your mind that you'd like to talk about?" (The key is not only the way a question is phrased, but responding in a supportive way.)
35. What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?

36. What kind of person were you today?
37. What made you feel happy?
38. What made you feel proud?
39. What made you feel loved?
40. Did you learn any new words today?
41. What do you hope to do before school is out for the year?
42. If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
43. If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

MARGARET GORDON
Assistant Principal

TEACHERS NEWS

Years 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday the 20th of February, the Year 3 – 6 students of Caulfield Primary School, hopped on busses and ventured down to Prahran Aquatic Centre to compete in the house swimming carnival co-hosted by Windsor Primary.

The students showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the entire day, constantly cheering and celebrating other students' achievements. Participation through the events was at an all-time high, with almost every event having at least a couple of racers in it. As the day wore on, the students didn't waiver from their efforts or enthusiasm with many getting ribbons and places for the first time.

Finally the time came when all the races were finished and we were able to announce the results to the students of CPS. This year the houses placed as follows:

Place	House	Points
1st	Kiirō	690
1st	Aka	690
3rd	Midori	540
4th	AO	350

Congratulations to Kiirō and Aka for the first draw in a carnival competition in a long time and a big well done to AO and Midori for all their efforts.

District swimming carnival

We took 26 students to the District Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the 28th of February. The boys and girls

competed against schools from around our area including Windsor Primary School, Port Melbourne Primary School, Albert Park Primary School, Armadale Primary School, Middle Park Primary School, South Yarra Primary School, St. Kilda Park Primary School, St. Kilda Primary School & Toorak Primary School. They swam with great enthusiasm and effort, showing fantastic sportsmanship and cheered on their peers with lots of passion. I am very proud for the performance and from all students involved in both our house and the district carnivals.

A big congratulations to all involved, I look forward to the next carnival!

Mr Serravite, PE Teacher

PFC NEWS

Reminder: Barefoot Bowls Social Night

The Parents and Friends club are running Caulfield Primary School's third annual Barefoot Bowls social night.

This should be a fun night and we would love to see as many parents and friends come along to mix and meet with the Caulfield Primary School community.

Venue is: **Elsternwick Sports Club**

[170 Glenhuntly Road, Brighton](#)

Saturday 17th March from 7pm. Cost is \$25 per person

A BBQ will be provided, barefoot bowls included and drinks are available at the bar.

Even if you don't want to bowl, come along and join the fun. Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/360399>

Open Day Cake Stall & BBQ - Saturday 24 March 9.30-12.30pm

Can you bake a cake, muffins, biscuits, slices, jams etc?

If so we need you to help with our Term 1 cake stall. The more donations we receive, the more money we can raise. It doesn't have to be fancy, but it does need to be homemade. Packaging will be available the week before, along with details on where to bring your goodies on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. See end of newsletter for more details.

We also need parent volunteers to assist with setup, packup or for an hour on the stalls. A volunteer list will go up on the general noticeboard next week, so if you're able to help, please put your name down or email katherinejhinton@gmail.com if you can assist.

P&FC Executive Committee & AGM

The P&FC AGM will be held at 9am on Friday 16 March in the hall to elect the P&FC Executive Committee. The positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are open for 2018 and any parent is welcome to nominate for a role even if you can't attend the AGM. If you want more information please contact katherinejhinton@gmail.com

English-Japanese Conversation and Coffee

Every Friday at Xpose Cafe 9-10am. All welcome.

Caulfield Primary School Lap-a-thon 2018

On Friday the 4th May, CPS will be holding its second whole school Lap-a-thon. In 2016 the school undertook its inaugural Lap-a-thon raising over \$12,000! This was used to purchase a much need sports shed.



This will again be a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the school and help accelerate the numerous outdoor projects currently being costed by the school.

By the end of term 1, each child will bring home a sponsor/donation sheet. This is to enable children to ask for support for their walk from family and friends and record the donations and sponsorship. On the day, our teachers will be helping the students and recording laps, parent cheers will also be welcome. This will again be such a fun event and one that will challenge our children to see how many laps they can walk or run. Let's get behind our kids, help them with sponsorship and lace up their runners so they can put their best foot forward! **Janet B**

Kath H & Christine J P&FC Co-presidents

Term dates 2018

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- Term 1: 29 January (school teachers start) to 29 March (Thursday)
- Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
- Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
- Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

CAMP AUSTRALIA NEWS

Flexible Booking Options Now Available at Camp Australia

To support parents, we have introduced new Flexible Booking Options which allow parents more flexibility and choice over bookings.

We have created three custom membership options designed to meet the needs of:

- Parents with a predictable, regular schedule who are looking to reduce costs;
- Parents who want peace of mind that they can make changes when they need to;

- Parents who are happy with their current arrangement may receive no changes

In addition to new membership options, we have introduced a new Casual booking option through the Flex-e-Care (e-card), where you can pre-purchase ten Casual sessions at a discounted Casual rate, make bookings up to 2 hours prior to a session throughout the term.

How Do I Find Out More About Camp Australia's Flexible Booking Options? For more information about how these new Flexible Booking Options can benefit you, please visit www.campastralia.com.au/flexibility, or come and chat to the OSHC team. **The Camp Australia Team**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clean-up with LOVE OUR STREETS 3162 this Sunday and help Caulfield Primary School

Join local community members on Clean Up Australia Day to clean-up litter from around Caulfield Racecourse prevent it from ending up in the Bay.

Meet outside Caulfield Racecourse, Gate 22 in Station St on Sunday 4 March from 10.30-11.30 to spend an hour collecting litter around the Racecourse. Your hour of volunteering can earn \$25 for Caulfield PS!

RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/171261873599004/>.

- + Please wear sturdy gloves, weather appropriate clothing and sun protection + Bags for litter collection provided
- + Kids under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and will be provided with a hi-vis safety vest (to be returned)

Melbourne Racing Club is hosting a BBQ for all volunteers in the centre of the Racecourse afterwards. Please RSVP for catering at 3162@loveourstreet.com.au.

Love Our Streets is a community campaign to stop litter entering our drains to the Bay. For every hour volunteered, \$25 is donated to nominated local project. Caulfield Primary School's project is stormwater related works at the rear of the Prep building. To date, CPS has accumulated \$750 worth, but we have an opportunity to build on this by attending Caulfield Racecourse this Sunday 4 March.

Julian MD



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From the Team at Camp Australia

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